

Colonel Larry Nicholson, '75, approved by the U.S. Senate for promotion to brigadier general, speaks at Reunion 2007. Reunion coverage inside. Photo by Bruce Strange, '72

**Admiral Joe Yon, '30,
passes away at 95**

**First Casino Night
is a huge success**

**AMA Alumni Foundation
receives grant
for historical research**

Augusta Military Academy Alumni Association, Inc.

Summer 2007

Dear AMA friends,

If you attended Reunion 2007, you know. If you missed Reunion 2007, you missed a good one. one. Could Reunion 2007 have been any better? Not likely!!! I hope you're as pleased with the results of the weekend as I am. It's difficult to identify what was the most dynamic or special event – it all seemed to go so well.

Attendance was up 20 per cent! Attendees came from 26 states and from as far away as South Korea. Do you know that many organizations help us be successful? – Massanutten Military Academy, Missouri Military Academy, Mid Valley Press, The Staunton Ovation, The Stonewall Brigade Band and Fort Defiance High School are just a few of those entities and we're grateful for their expressions of friendship.

Thursday's reception was well attended, Friday's tour of Richmond returned with high praise, the golf at Ingleside was a swinging time, and Friday's Award Banquet led off with Captain Christopher Newport of Jamestown welcoming us to Olde Virginia and ended with three AMA Alumni Medal Awards and three AMA Legacy Scholarships to deserving young offspring of our alumni.

Saturday's Founder's day was presented in the first person by Civil War reenactors and we learned much about Professor Roller's life. The luncheon celebrated the 400th Anniversary of Virginia and wrapped up with a sensational message from our own **Colonel Larry Nicholson, USMC**, AMA Class of 1975 and soon to be a Marine Corps brigadier general. The Roller Rifles looked pretty good this year and the knock out drill gets tougher annually.

Then, we had our first ever Casino night Saturday evening. The excitement lasted and it was terrific seeing large crowds late into the evening. The reunion concluded with Sunday's inspirational Fellowship Breakfast.

For the past 10 years we've struggled financially. We are still far from our ultimate goals, but we've made great strides in the past 18 months. I'd like to thank all those who have contributed time to getting the finances straight, who made the right decisions to move our investments, who helped write the protocols and who did what was needed to implement the policies and help keep a tight reign on our expenses. I'd like to thank all AMA alumni and friends who have seen our financial progress and felt comfortable enough to make considerable contributions to the AMA Alumni Foundation. The money is very much needed, very much appreciated and speaks volumes about your faith and support of the AMA Alumni Association and the AMA Alumni Foundation management. T-H-A-N-K Y-O-U !!!!!!!

The Reunion Committee did an excellent job with this reunion. Inside the *Bayonet* we've printed a "Thank You List" of those who made Reunion 2007 successful. We apologize if we omitted anyone and ask that you let us know if you or someone else was overlooked in the expression of our gratitude.

Lastly, I'd like to thank the Alumni Association for the beautiful engraved Civil War sabre presented to me Friday night. I was overwhelmed by the gift and the expression of thanks. I love our Museum, our Association, our Foundation, our *Bayonet* and our Heritage. I love what AMA gave to me. I love sharing the AMA experience with so many wonderful people and I'm proud of our organizations. **Frank Williamson, Bob Bradford and Ed Chauncey** – you're the best. Thanks!!!

Garry Granger, '71 President, AMA Alumni Association, Inc.



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**1935
(JULIAN QUARLES)**

Julian Quarles attended Reunion 2007.

George Adam lives in Webster, TX and had a heart aortic valve replaced in March. In late April, he walked a mile for the first time and continues to improve. George and Julian were roommates at AMA.

[adamge@houston.rr.com]

**1937
HONOR CLASS
(NONE)**

Charles Board is a retired patent lawyer. A 1943 graduate of VMI, he lives in Hockessin, Delaware.

**1938
(LARRY KURTZ)**

Bill Welte attended Reunion 2007. It was his first reunion since he graduated 69 years ago. His grandson earned an AMA Legacy Scholarship and Bill came to pick it up.

Captain Larry Kurtz, USN, Retd, and Jill live in Punta Gorda, FL and are moving to a retirement home.

[landjk@sunline.net]

**1939
(NONE)**

Dr. Melvin Alper attended Reunion 2007. He is a world renowned retired ophthalmologist who, with his wife, Jane, lives in Bethesda, MD. They have two children and three grandchildren. He left the AMA reunion early so he could attend his class reunion at UVA.

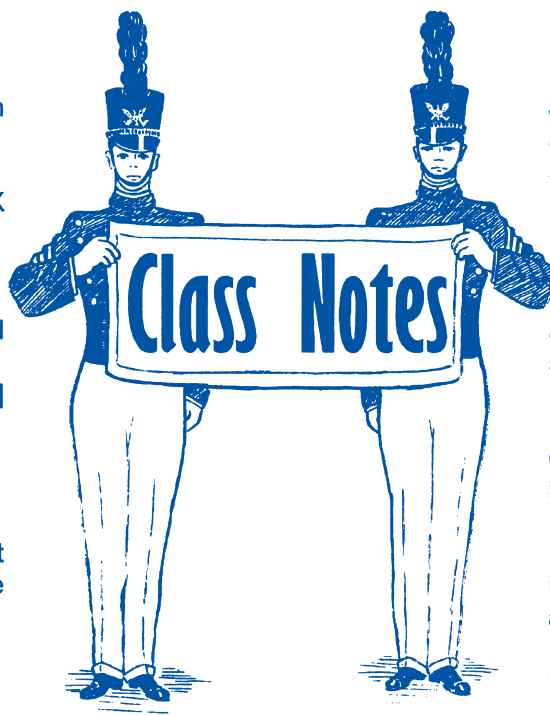
[janemel1@earthlink.net]

**1942
(EARL CABANISS)**

Colonel Rutland Beard and **Angus Hines** attended Reunion 2007.

Worthington "Tex" Mahone lives in Melbourne, FL. Tex and Jean Sinko were married on 10 November of 2006.

[wmahone@cfl.rr.com]



**1946
(NONE)**

Jimmy Dean and **Bill Tinder** attended Reunion 2007. Bill wrote to say that the reunion was "the best time I have had in 61 years!"

Dr. Ed Leventen is an orthopaedic surgeon and semi-retired assistant professor of orthopaedic surgery at UCLA. Ed and Ruth live in Encino, CA. [Isawbonz@aol.com]

Colonel Jimmy Pigg, USA, Retd, lives in Shalimar, FL with his wife, Nell. [jlinsp2@cox.net]

Dave Brewer is retired as senior agent for Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company. He and his wife, Barbara, live in Pawleys Island, SC. [barbarabrewer@sc.rr.com]

**1943
(CHRIS HARRISON)**

George "Boots" Solan attended Reunion 2007.

Victor Ham retired from Ingersoll Rand in 1990 and he and his wife, Mary Ellen, live in Heathrow, FL, north of Orlando.

**1944
(NONE)**

Colonel Richard Hobbs lives at 160 Landmark Drive in Sparks, NV 89441. [ColDoc@worldnet.att.net]

**1947
HONOR CLASS
(MIKE WELCH)**

Harry May, **Bobby Rhea** and **J.B. Simmons** attended Reunion 2007.

Dr. Tom Callahan and Elaine live in Fresno, CA where he has a part time practice of psychiatry. Tom got his BS from MIT before receiving his MD from the University of Heidelberg. He was in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Utah Medical Center before moving to California in 1968.

Harry May still has his printing business in Northern Virginia.

**1948
(NONE)**

Ernest Click attended Reunion 2007.

Dr. Charles Santos-Buch is a graduate of the Cornell University Medical College and is professor emeritus of pathology and the former director of Papanikolow Cytology Laboratory in New York. He was honored at the University of Miami for the work he had done in the important field.



THE CLASS OF 1947 - Bobby Rhea, Harry May and J. B. Simmons attended the reunion.

Hal Walters, a U. S. Naval Academy grad, lives in Brevard, NC where he is a golf instructor and enjoys woodworking. After a bad time medically the last few years, Hal says he feels much better now. *"I started a special exercise program and every week that passes I feel stronger and have more endurance. If you don't use it, you lose it."*

[halwaltjr@citcom.net]

1949

(FRANK SPENCER)

Ed Chauncey, Mario Garcia, Chuck Pine, Clyde Ramsey, Bill Rubush, John Shirley and Frank Spencer attended Reunion 2007.

Win Lora and his wife, Cynthia, live in Medford, OR.

[AMSTSC@charter.net]

Ambassador John Shirley is retired from the diplomatic service and lives with his wife – also a former U.S. ambassador – in Stonington, CT. They have a sail boat and to keep trim year round, Jocko likes to row.

Frank Spencer reported the sad news that his mother-in-law passed away in March. We extend our condolences to Ida and all her family.

[2frankspencer@myway.com]

1950

(JIM LUPTON)

Ed Click and **Bob Bradford** attended Reunion 2007.

Reverend Jim Lupton retired in 1996 and is now the Priest-in-charge at St. George's Episcopal Chapel in Lake Landing, NC.

Bill Hill lives in Greenville, NC and is working again part time marketing commercial real estate. He has sold his house and moved to an apartment near his son and two grandsons.

[wrhill@suddenlink.net]

Ed, '50, and Ernest Click, '48, and their wives, Sue and Marge, and Rod Willey, '51, had a month long tour of Australia and New Zealand returning



SNOW BIRDS - Lew Munding, '53, went on a ski vacation in Spain early this year. The picture was taken at Andorra with his friend, Susan Bain. They joined 44 members of the Richmond (VA) Ski Club on the trip to the Pyrenees and to France.

home just in time for Reunion 2007. Ed and Sue are in Norway as we go to press and have a trip to Africa planned for late August,

[edwin.click@gmail.com]

1951

(HAP STARR)

Tom Hughes, Ben Lindsay, Bob Sayre and Rod Willey attended Reunion 2007.

Jack Hodge, retired Chief Engineer of the Virginia Highway Department, is now the Vice President of Volkert & Associates. Jack and Mary Scott live in Blackstone. In 1990, Jack won the Claudius Crozet Award as Virginia's Outstanding Government Engineer.

[jhodge@volkert.com]

1952

(JIM WHITE)

Dick Chichester, Tommy Mitchell, Eddie Ray, Eduardo Schonborn, Cole Sandridge, and Jim "Shad" White attended Reunion 2007.

Tommy Mitchell retired some time ago from the Virginia Department of Transportation. He and Connie live in Staunton.

Roger Messick was on his way back to the reunion from Prescott, AZ when he developed what he thinks was an

inner-ear infection. It kept him grounded and he was really missed at the reunion. Roger gave the keynote address at the 2006 reunion. As we went to press, Roger was leaving for a week of camping and fishing on a mountain lake north of Cortez, Colorado, **Mickey Tom's** neck of the woods.

[TR MESSUP@aol.com]

Peyton Moore graduated from VMI in 1956, served in the Army for two years, then went to law school at LSU. He has practiced law in Shreveport, Louisiana for 36 years.

1953

(LEW MUNDIN)

Manuel Balbis, Ozzie Ferro, Jay Fox, Bill Kivlighan, Tom Simmons and Al Wattay attended Reunion 2007.

Jay Fox has been elected to the Washington and Lee Sports Hall of Fame based on his outstanding swimming record at the Lexington university.

1954

(KEN HOKE)

Bob Harris attended Reunion 2007.

Guy Townsend lives in Manquin, VA and has a new e-mail address. He sent a welcomed contribution to the AMA Alumni Foundation. Thanks very much, Guy!

[wguyemilie@wildblue.net]

1955

(NONE)

Hampton Foley and Jack Meier attended Reunion 2007.

T. C. Lea has a private law practice in the Virginia counties of Orange, Culpeper and Madison. He and his wife, Snip, have 12 grandchildren.

Bill Johnson says that he is *"still farming and I love to come to work each day"* though he admits to going after rockfish and ducks in season. Bill and Margaret Louise, who live in

Weldon, NC, have four children: William, Junior has a landscape business in Raleigh; Martha Johnson Chestnut is a physician in Rocky Mount, NC; Gil Cutchin runs a shooting preserve on the Johnson farm; and Louise Kelly is married to a bird colonel who just came back from Iraq.

**1956
(NONE)**

Sergio Fernandez attended Reunion 2007.

Nick Crump retired in 2002 and he and his wife live on the Eastern Shore in Maryland. They moved from Richmond where he was born and raised. [saint@atlanticbb.net]

Emanuel Bonilla has been in touch and would like to hear from men who were in his class. [happybonilla@yahoo.com]

**1957
HONOR CLASS
(GOODLOE SAUNDERS)**
Buddy Krise, Goodloe Saunders, George Snyder and Jerry Wildman attended Reunion 2007.

Jim Smith happily reports that he and Amanda now have four grandchildren. The Smiths live in Newport News where he is a consultant to architects in heating and cooling installations. [k3ubc@juno.com]

Al Krise and Sandra live in Norfolk. They have a son and two daughters plus four grandchildren. Al is a member of the Great Bridge Cruise Club, the Tidewater Boat Club, the Power Squadron and Hampton One Design.

**1958
(DUKE FANCHER)**
Duke Fancher, Jim Simmons and Lynch Ward attended Reunion 2007.

Duane Snow only attended AMA for the 8th grade. He lives in Charlottesville and enjoys spending time with his ten grandchildren.

**1959
(DAVE CONRAD, LLOYD EASTLACK & ELLIOTT RIDGE)**
Dave Conrad, Jim Fox and John Zirkle attended Reunion 2007.

Bill Blakely has a new grandchild, Jack, which makes five, and a new e-mail address. He is safety manager at Martin Army Community Hospital at Fort Benning, GA. [blakelywm@bellsouth.net]

Walter Anderson is the retired managing director of Wachovia Securities. He and Brenda live in Richmond. [walteranderson1@hotmail.com]



THE CLASS OF 1957 - George Snyder, Jerry Wildman, Buddy Krise and Goodloe Saunders represented their class at Reunion 2007.

**1960
(FRANK WILLIAMSON)**
Mitch Gaston, Bill Mariner, Luke Snyder, Frank Williamson and Ben Zinkhan attended Reunion 2007.

Mitch Gaston does consulting work for his former employer The Brinkman Companies. Since retiring, he has moved back to Lynchburg and has volunteered to help with alumni activities. Thanks, Mitch. We need you – and many more like you!

Tom Mudd lives in Petersburg and has been retired for more than ten years. During his career, he set up retirement plans for businesses, then bought a number of businesses which he kept for a decade. Now, he says, "I am completely retired and can do

whatever I want."

Bud Allison is President and CEO of Westech, an earth moving machinery company which manufactures blades, buckets and the like and sells them to companies like Caterpillar. Bud was one of the first soccer style kickers in high school and college football. (See *Bayonet* Fall 1999) He lives in Casper, Wyoming. [Ballison@WSTCH.com]

**1961
(JACK STEELE)**
John Elder and Bernie Taylor attended Reunion 2007.

Jim Crawford, AMA's First Captain his senior year, plans to retire from Nortel this year. "After that," says Jim, "I'll be able to get back to some AMA reunions." Jim and Betty live in Atlanta. [jcrawf2nortel.com]

Manley "Jack" West attended East Carolina after spending two years at AMA. He served in the North Carolina National Guard for six years. Jack's hometown is Macon, NC. [swest0616@earthlink.net]

Dan Chichester is the Commonwealth's Attorney for Stafford County, Virginia. A 1968 law graduate of the University of Virginia, he served in the Army winning a Bronze Star in Vietnam. He is on the board of the National District Attorneys Association. [mmerryman@co.stafford.va.us]

**1962
HONOR CLASS
(BOB RIGDEWAY & BOB GEBEAUX)**
Mac Coiner attended Reunion 2007.

Captain Bill Keller, USN, Retd., lives in Cypress, TX. He retired in 2006 as the Vice President for Annuity Product Strategy at the AIG Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company. He donated his timeshare on Padre Island to the AMA Alumni Foundation. [bajkeller@yahoo.com]

Tim Hollowell attended Augusta for two years and his roommates were **John "Flip" Yerman** and **Jim Chubb**. He is wondering where they are these days. Can you help Tim find his old roommates? He lives in Yukon, OK.
[t.h.324@cox.net]

Aquiles "Rod" Rodriguez reports that they had *"a crazy winter in Sweden with light snow, then lots of snow and very cold. Of course, this is Sweden."* His mailing address is: Medoragatan #5, 814 42 Skutskar, Sweden.
[warlock1@telia.com]

Doug Blair found AMA again from our web site AMAAlumni.org. He lives in Kissimmee, FL.
[dhblair5@netscape.net]

1963

(MIKE BASTO)

Phil Casey and **Mike Farrell** attended Reunion 2007.

1964

**(KEN EICHNER, DAVE
HOLSINGER & PHIL
MATTSON)**

Robert Andes and **Randy Hoilman** attended Reunion 2007.

Frank Hruza is Security Manager for JT3, LLC in Las Vegas. He is the retired Chief of Detectives for Essex County, NJ where he commanded a 108 man detective bureau. He has a BS in criminal justice and was an Army MP for six years.
[fmhruza@cox.net]

Randy Rodgers of Gloucester Point, VA owns Hayes Auto and Truck Sales in nearby Hayes. He was captain of Band Company and was on the AMA fencing team his senior year.

1965

(NONE)

Greg Pearce attended Reunion 2007.

Jose de la Torre lost touch with the alumni association for a couple of years but now is back on our mailing list. He lives in Anaheim, CA.
[ugarte2005@hotmail.com]



HAVE YOU EVER TRIED TO NAIL JELLO TO A TREE? That's what it was like to get a picture of the Class of 1967 at their 40th reunion. They would be short two guys for the picture and three would go to look for the lost two. The two would show up, then the three were lost. Getting these guys together was like herding squirrels. This is the photo that has the largest number of the Class of '67 members in it. L. to r., front row, Mike Nolan, Rob Carson, Rick Welch, Jackson Prentice, Wayne Early, Charlie Smith, Tommy Presseley and Jeff Schroeder. Second row, John Botcheller, Rick Smail, Bill Mangus, Brian Miller, Brock Wagner, Gordon Metz, Mac McInnis, and Mickey Toms. We think...

1966

(NONE)

Forbes Braithwaite and **Brian Hart** attended Reunion 2007.

Hank Brostek wanted very badly to come to the reunion and ride his Harley, *"but I am just not healthy enough..."* Hank was a combat medic (Hospital corpsman) in Vietnam where he earned three purple hearts. Hank built custom homes in Rochester, NY for 22 years before he retired to Westminster, SC.
[Hbrostekb@aol.com]

Paul Eich was a Xerox executive and is now has a farm in Iowa.

Jim Tessada is retired after 29 years with the Ford Motor Company. He was a sales and marketing executive in Latin America and the Far East from 1976 to 2005. Jim lives in Rochester Hills, MI with his wife, Ellen. They have three children.
[Jtessada@hotmail.com]

Gordon Bennett is an investigator for the Virginia State Corporation Com-

mission and was commander of Band Company his senior year. He has a new address: 4929 Gray Bark Court, Sandston, VA 23150. Phone 804/328-0181.
[lbennett93@comcast.net]

1967

**HONOR CLASS
(MAC McINNIS)**

Steve Bailey, John Botcheller, Bob Carson, Les Earley, Tom Forrer, Ron Hatcher, Charlie Hoilman, Gordon Jernigan, Bill Mangus, Mac McInnis, Brian Miller, Mike Nolan, Jackson Prentice, Tommy Pressley, Jeff Schroeder, Bayliss Sharp, Rick Smail, Charlie Smith, Randy South, Mickey Toms, Brock Wagner, and Fred Welch attended Reunion 2007.

Mickey Toms is a commercial realtor with the Virginia Land Company in Charlottesville. He now lives in Cortez, Colorado.
[cmtoms@earthlink.net]

Richard Cullen, the former Attorney General of Virginia, has been named Chairman of McGuire Woods, a law firm in Richmond with 750 attorneys in 16 offices in the U.S. and two other countries.

Dr. Octavio Prieto practices medicine in Fort Lauderdale where he lives with his wife, Lynne, and a 16 year old daughter. He recently called **Jorge Rovirosa, '70**, who had not seen him since graduation in 1967. Says Jorge, *"Octavio terrorized the women at Stuart and Fairfax Halls as well as Madison College, but he did look after us younger Cubans, particularly when we were going to and from Florida on the old Seaboard Coast Line train."*
[docprieto@aol.com]

Charlie Smith is Vice President of Airline Security for UPS. He and his wife, Sue, live in Prospect, KY and they just had their first grandson. Congratulations! Charlie attended Augusta for eight years and was AMA's battalion commander his senior year.
[bsmith2ups.com]

1968

(GORDON METZ)

Lenny Pannell, Howard Rosenthal and **David Shearer** attended Reunion 2007.

Jackson Prentice is in his 33rd year as a real estate/broker owner in the Nation's capital. He and Mary Ruth live in Alexandria, she having retired after 22 years with United Airlines. Jackson, Jr., 28, is a graduate student at Wake Forest and is working on an MBA/law degree after graduating *cum laude* from Bowdoin while their youngest, Hannah, 26, is a grad student at Johns Hopkins after having finished with honors at the University of Virginia.
[Jbprentice@aol.com]

1969

(BILL SCARBOROUGH,
CHARLIE PASCALE
& NICK SYROPOULOS)

Victor Gomez, Bruce Orenstein, Charlie Pascale, Rex Rumley, Bill Scarborough, Nicky Syropoulos and **Joe Wenzel** attended Reunion 2007.

Frank Roach is CEO of Wolseley, North America, a British firm that owns Ferguson Enterprises and Stock Building Supply in the U.S. He and

Mary live in Richmond and have two daughters: Martha, 25, and Alice, 21.
[Mrrdoglover4@aol.com]

Victor Gomez was a busy man at Reunion 2007 as he took several hundred digital photos, many of which are in this issue. Thanks, Victor!



GEORGE MINEFF, '77, and Vickie came down to the reunion from Rocky River, Ohio. George practices law.

1970

(JORGE ROVIROSA)

Harry Campbell, Bill Parkins, Jorge Rovirosa, Steve Trent and **Jeff Wenzel** attended Reunion 2007.

1971

(GARRY GRANGER)

Joe Berman, Gary Cripp, Jay Ent, Garry Granger, Karl Haleamau, Ron "Scootch" Melcher, Scott Rosensteen, and Willis Walker attended Reunion 2007.

Ron Melcher lives in Cleveland where he is Sales Engineer with DADCO, Inc. "Scootch" and his wife have three children: Nikolaus, Tina and Marty. (Derrick passed away in 1994) Ron is a proud member of the Roller Riders. He has a new e-mail address.
[r.melcher@sbcglobal.net]

Karl Haleamau had a career as a Navy Seal. Karl lives in Washington State and despite the distance says he'll be back to the reunion next year.

Phil Myers didn't make it back for Reunion 2007 and we really missed him and his bugle. He lives in Falls

Church, VA but has a cabin in West Virginia where he spends lots of his spare time. He says he's *"thinking about slowing down and maybe doing project management or some consulting work."* [mmeyers8@cox.net]

1972

HONOR CLASS
(LEWIE KENNETT)

Doug Carter, Blaine Clarke, Rick Ellett, Jim Hash, Jim Hunter, Lewie Kennett, Mike Kidd, Doug Pennock, Bruce Strange, P. J. Thomson, Steve Traylor, Rick Whitaker and Al Zayas attended Reunion 2007.

Rick Ellett lives in Wirtz, VA and is a contractor for FedEx Ground.

Doug Pennock owns a nursery and landscaping service in Puerto Rico. His father, Chuck, and his grandfather, Charles, both attended Augusta Military Academy.
[dpennock2002@yahoo.com]

Tom Cooper lives in Heath, TX and checked in with a new e-mail address.
[clarketcooperrjr@earthlink.net]

Bruce Strange is a professional photographer in Baltimore. Samples of his superior work will be found in this issue for which we thank him profusely. He lives in Halethorpe, MD.

Blaine Clarke is a licensed certified social worker/clinical in the State of Maryland. Currently, he is the Family Intervention Specialist with the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services. He works with youth and their families in out of home placements with the goal of stabilizing the family in preparation for the youth's eventual return home. Blaine loves the outdoors, plays tennis several times a week and has a bass boat which he uses to fish in the Potomac. He also likes shotgunning and arranges the sporting clay shoot each year at the reunions.
[blaine.clarke@comcast.net]

1973

(GARRY JOSEPH & JIM ATCHISON)
Jim Atchison, Tom DelValle, Joe

Garry and Paul Poluito attended Reunion 2007.

David Zook was living in Herndon when we last heard from him, but mail is coming back from that address. Anyone know his new address?

1974

**(HAYES DICKINSON
& COREY KOENIG)**

Dwight Nitz attended Reunion 2007.

1975

(BRETT THOMPSON)

Gary Gertz, John Hash, Larry Nicholson, Brett Thompson, Don Schwebel and Bruce Walling attended Reunion 2007.

1976

(JIM MITCHELL)

Scott Gilliam, Jim Mitchell and David Spencer attended Reunion 2007.



**Kirk Pope's
campaign photo**

Kirk Pope had an unsuccessful run for a State Representative seat in Delaware last November. Kirk had a 22 year career in the Army as a Green Beret. He currently is Deputy Sheriff in Suffolk County, DE.

John Tyminski is the Eastern Virginia sales representative for Iscar Metal, a manufacturer of carbide cutting tools for the metal working industry. He and wife Cindy live in Virginia Beach.
[jtyminski@cox.net]

Scott Gilliam dropped a few five dollar bills in the 50/50 jar at Casino Night during the reunion. The pot reached \$525 and Scott won it meaning he would get half and AMA would get half. But he immediately donated his half back to the AMA Alumni Foundation in honor of and in memory of his brother, **Renè**, '75. Thanks so much, Scott!

1977

**HONOR CLASS
(SHAWN OGIMACHI)**

Dave Gentry, Shawn Ogimachi, Lee Lewis, Myron McWilliams, George Mineff and Chris Vettick attended Reunion 2007.

Ronald Spriggs is an attorney and practices law in Amarillo, Texas. He attended the Community College of Baltimore, the New Mexico Highlands University and received his law degree from Texas Tech University. Ron concentrates on business and commercial litigation, and personal injury law.

[contacts@bluemcf.com]

Jack Harris has moved to Henderson, NC from Laurel Park, NC.

1978

(NONE)

Ken Traylor attended Reunion 2007.

Clay Gilliam lives in Winchester and is back on our mailing list. Clay attended AMA from 1972 through 1978 and would have been in the Class of 1980.

1979

(ED ISKOW)

Jim Creek writes that he wanted to come to Reunion 2007 "but we just had our first boy." Congratulations! Jim is employed by the City of Annapolis, MD as a utility inspector.
[JHCreek@annapolis.gov]

1980

(NONE)

Keith Traylor and Clay Gilliam attended Reunion 2007.

1983

(NONE)

Phil Bentley attended Reunion 2007.

Jaime Eduardo Gomez lives in the Dominican Republic and is back on our mailing list.

[j.eduardogomez@gmail.com]

1984

(CHRIS MEEK)

Chris Meek and Steve Reech attended Reunion 2007.

This is the very first place AMA Alumni look when *The Bayonet* arrives

Your fellow alumni want to hear about YOU, so Class Notes is the first place they look. Here are a few suggestions which we hope you will act on.

SEND us material about yourself – marriages, jobs, travel, births, deaths, retirement and so forth. Don't be concerned if you don't see your news published right away. *The Bayonet* comes out three times a year and if your story misses one issue, it likely will be in the next one. Be sure to send us news about your classmates and AMA friends.

PHOTOS are always welcome but please understand that just because a digital picture looks good on a computer screen, it will not necessarily look good in print. If you send an actual photograph, it should be printed on GLOSSY paper. If you want the picture returned to you, please put your name and address on the back. DIGITAL PHOTOS in jpeg should be AT LEAST 300 dpi. If you can send a photo in tiff format, that will be even better!

MAIL your story and photos to: *The Bayonet*, 12 Woodside Drive, Danville, CA 94506

E-MAIL a story and any digital photos to: AMABayonet@aol.com
FAX a story to 925/736-8657

Roller Rifles recruits from '80 class sought

The Class of 1980 had just two representatives at Reunion 2007: **Clay Gilliam and Keith Traylor**.

Now, Traylor is trying to "locate and recruit what **Sergeant Studer** called 'A great group of guys' from the Class of 1980" to march with the Roller Rifles at Reunion 2008.

The first effort will be to track down alumni from the Class of 1980, then encourage them to come back to next year's reunion.

If you know the whereabouts of any members of that class, please pass along that information to Keith Traylor at: stevetraylor@comcast.net.

**And make your plans now
to come to Reunion 2008!**

Reunion 2007 keynoter

BG Designee Larry Nicholson, '75, USMC, says AMA taught him valuable lessons of leadership

Speaking in the AMA Gymnasium where he graduated 32 years before, **Colonel Larry Nicholson, '75, USMC**, credited AMA with "teaching me the lessons of life at a pretty young age..." Nicholson's promotion to brigadier general has been approved by the Senate and will be effective this Fall. Presently stationed at Camp Pendleton, California after two tours in Iraq, Nicholson will transfer to the Quantico (VA) Marine Base this summer.

A record reunion crowd heard him report on the situation in Iraq saying that the American news media "does not in any way reflect the reality we experience in Iraq... it's tough to watch TV and see some of the articles that are printed."

An AMA color guard marched sharply to the front to begin the program followed by the Pledge and the singing of *My Country 'Tis of Thee* with a solo by **Sherry Lily** backed by the **Staunton Ovation**. Alumni Association President **Garry Granger, '75**, reminded the audience that AMA, for the next three years, is paying homage to its alumni who were in uniform during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. **Jim Hash, '72**, delivered a toast to the fallen followed by *Eternal Father* with special AMA words, a single cannon shot and Taps from the balcony played by **Ray Hoaster**, Director of the Staunton Ovation.

A salute to Virginia's 400th birthday, narrated by **Bob Bradford, '50**, followed before President Granger introduced Nicholson. The full text of Colonel Nicholson's comments begins here: *I appreciate that introduction. It is a great honor to be in this great gymnasium. Thank you, Garry Granger. Thank you, Bob Bradford. Thank you, Colonel and Mrs. Livick. Garry, in your introduction you said I had played basketball here on the gym floor. Thank you for not using any adjectives to describe how I played basketball. I saw Colonel Livick smiling.*

A quick story. We Marines equate the past and our history the way we treat biblical documents. We approach our history with a theologian's fervor and respect. So, we understand more than any other service about our history and our past. We study it reverently.

That's why it is very familiar to me today to be in these surroundings where we at Augusta Military Academy spent so much important time focused on our founders. It is great company that I am in today.

I arrived here 35 years ago and it truly was the land of

giants. During my time, it was Doc Savedge, it was Colonel Hoover, it was Colonel Hogg, it was Joe Josephson and Don Studer, Colonel Rapp, and the list could go on. These were the giants in my life as a young



Colonel Nicholson stepped down from the podium and delivered his remarks from the gym floor at the Saturday lunch during Reunion 2007.

guy arriving here from Washington, D.C. We all came here for our own reasons. And for most of us, what we learned here has worked.

That barracks upstairs is what I would call a leadership laboratory. Who amongst us was not changed by their experience here? And whatever business you got into – whether you went into the military or in the private sector or became an academician – we were all shaped here.

Now, what Garry told you was that I went to The Citadel after I left Augusta and that is a fact. My Citadel classmates today will talk about their formative years being at The Citadel – the years when they were shaped as young men. That didn't happen to me at The Citadel. I arrived at The Citadel formed. I hope I don't sound cocky here, but I had gone through my crucible and my cauldron of fire here at Augusta Military Academy. By the time I left here in 1975, I knew who I was. I had learned the lessons of life at a pretty young age here at Augusta and I left here confident that whatever I went into, what I had taken on here at Augusta would serve me well, and it did. I really needed that confidence during that first year at The Citadel, I can assure you.

Garry told you that I have been selected for brigadier

general but I want to tell you what happened about two weeks ago at Camp Pendleton, California when a Korean War vet walked up to me. We have a sort of alumni association in the Marine Corps that is rivaled by no other. You see Marine stickers everywhere. Anyone who has ever been a Marine is always one. There is no such thing as an ex-Marine or a former Marine. Just a Marine no longer on active duty. So, I am standing there at the end of a ceremony at Camp Pendleton when this older man walked up to me. He had a

Marine Corps hat on and says, 'Hey, Nicholson. I understand you have been selected for brigadier general.' I sort of came to attention and said, 'Yes, sir, I have.' He said, 'That's nothing. I was selected three times for private first class,' and then he walked away. The Marine Corps doesn't let your head get too big. We are constantly humbled. They constantly remind you of where you came from and what your roots were and we are always honored especially today as we look back on our Vietnam and Korean vets.

I want to tell you a quick story which is sad for me but as commander of the 5th Marine Regiment, I led the most decorated regiment in the Marine Corps. There are eight infantry regiments and the 5th Marine Regiment was first decorated in World War One at the battle of Belleau Wood. Only two infantry regiments in the Corps wear this green cord. I have a steady stream of visitors out at Camp Pendleton in my office who come to see me. World War Two and Korean vets bringing boxes of artifacts which they are giving to the regiment because they feel their families will not take care of them. We have opened a sort of museum out there and are in touch daily with our Korean vets. And for our Vietnam vet friends and for those of you here today, I am honored always to work with and



The AMA Color Guard brings the colors into the gym. L. to r., Rich Whitaker, '72, Scott Rosenteen, '71, Willis Walker, '71, Brett Thompson, '75, and Blaine Clarke, '72. Photo by Bruce Strange, '72

talk with you who did not get the homecoming we are getting today.

I will tell you that although there are political differences today and lots of debate – it is tough sometimes to watch American TV, tough sometimes to read the articles in newspapers – the one thing that has not changed is the support for our troops. Walking around an airport and coming home twice from Iraq, I still feel as do my Marines that we have the greatest support of our nation behind the troops. And for that we will always be grateful, something our Vietnam brothers did not have.

Thanks for "care" packages

I'd like to talk a little bit about Iraq but first there are some people I want to thank. The South Florida alumni group, **Jim Mitchell** and his restaurant in Pittsburgh – there are so many others such as the Livick family. There is a steady flow of support packages that are going to Iraq and I can't tell you what it's like for a young Marine at Christmas time or any time to get a package from someone not in his family. Another family sends some chow or some videos or CDs to that Marine. I can't describe the expression on that young Marine's face and what it does for him. So, I would encourage each of you in your civic organizations and church groups to find a unit –

my son is over there right now and I can always give you the name of his unit. These boxes and goods and the letters that come along do so much for these guys.

In the gallery today we have some Fort Defiance High School students. They supported my regiment and the letter we got from the students and **Dr. Bruce Kemp** was terrific. How about a round of applause for the Fort Defiance High School folks.

Now, Iraq. First, a quick story. A young boy goes into the attic of his grandfather's house and finds a foot locker. He starts rummaging through the foot locker and in the bottom he finds some old faded photographs and some medals. He takes the photos and the medals downstairs and his startled grandfather says, 'Son, what do you have?' The grandson asks, 'Granddad, were you a hero?' The granddad looks at the medals, looks at the photos, takes a deep breath and says, 'I was not a hero, but I surely was in the company of heroes.'

I feel the same way that grandfather felt. I was introduced as a hero and I would tell you that I am anything but, but I have experienced heroism first hand. I have seen it first hand. And I have been surrounded by it for 20 of the last 30 months when I had the opportunity of serving my country in Iraq.

I want to tell a story about a private first class who just received the Navy Cross. The Navy Cross is the second highest award that we can give anyone in our nation. In the Army, it is the Distinguished Service Cross and in the Air

Force, there is the Distinguished Flying Cross. But for the Navy and the Marine Corps, the Navy Cross is next to the top. This PFC was nominated for a Medal of Honor and about three weeks ago I had the unenviable duty of catching a plane from San Diego to Albuquerque to tell his family that he had not received the Medal of Honor after all but it had been downgraded to the Navy Cross.

I want to tell you what the 19 year old private first class did. He was one of my Marines. It was 2004. One of the nastiest fights we had was at Fallujah and it was a very significant battle. This PFC was in a four man stack. Every house in Fallujah has a courtyard around it. Our Marines would enter and breach much like SWAT teams that you see on TV. As the first Marine went through the courtyard

to go into the house, he was shot and killed. The second Marine who went in was shot and injured and he was down. The third was a Navy Corpsman – God bless the Navy Corpsmen who stay with us all the time – he was also shot but not killed, but he was down.

The fourth man through was Private First Class Christopher Addlesberger from Albuquerque, New Mexico. This 19 year old walks in and lays down suppressing fire on where the enemy fire is coming from. He drags his two wounded comrades to safety and does a quick triage on them. He then drags both injured men onto a rooftop, all while he was under sustained fire. Now, you have a PFC on a rooftop isolated in the city of Fallujah and there are 11 insurgents inside the house. On the rooftop, this PFC moved to three different positions up and down the roof to

imitate the sound of more than one Marine being up there. The enemy thinks the fire is coming from a number of different positions. This private first class launches pyro and does everything he can to create the illusion that there are lots of Marines on the roof. At the end of the event, there are 11 dead enemy, two wounded but alive Americans, and a PFC who was unscratched.

Thirty days later, PFC Addlesberger was killed by a sniper's round in Fallujah. This was Medal of Honor material but he did get the Navy Cross. We are all extremely proud of him and his accomplishments. This is the kind of heroism that I have had the opportunity and the honor to be around for a long time.

I commanded 5,000 Marines in Fallujah. Over a period of a year, and rotating battalions, I led 11,000 Marines in the City of Fallujah. I lost one hundred Marines.

As a young officer, or as a young sergeant or young leader, losing a Marine is like losing a teammate or a best friend. It hurts like hell. As you get a little older and you have become a midgrade captain or major, it's like losing a little brother, and it hurts even more. But when you get to my advanced stage as a colonel or regimental commander, to lose a Marine is like losing a son. On each occasion, we have had direct contact with the family. That has been an experience I do not want to repeat.

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Al Zayas, '75, and Ozzie Ferro, '53, representing the South Florida AMA Alumni group, presented Colonel Nicholson with a pair of gold cuff links with the Marine insignia thereon. Nicholson thanked the Floridians for all of the packages they had sent to his Marines in Iraq. Photo by Bruce Strange, '72



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Professor Charles S. Roller, Sr., AMA's founder, honored on the 100th anniversary of his death



ROLLER FAMILY - At the tomb of Professor Roller, his great-great granddaughter, Lee Livick Hahn, former AMA Superintendent Colonel Mal Livick, and Professor Roller's great-granddaughter, Linda Roller Livick, attend Founder's Day ceremonies at the Augusta Stone Church Cemetery.



THE COLORS - Confederate re-enactors march into the cemetery with the American and AMA flags. Professor Roller was a Confederate veteran of Company E, 1st Virginia, known as J.E.B. Stuart's cavalry.

FOUNDER'S DAY 2007 was devoted to AMA's founder, **Professor Charles S. Roller, Sr.** on the 100th anniversary of his death in 1907.

On a day that threatened rain, the Stonewall Jackson Brigade Band and a Confederate reenactor group took the audience back to the 1800's with first person accounts of the professor's life.

Beginning during Professor Roller's life, Founder's Day has been celebrated at this time of year in honor of his 8 May birthday. Tradition has it that the professor's wife strode into class one May day and told the boys that it would be a holiday to honor her husband's birthday.

A Confederate Color Guard posted the colors and two men dressed in Rebel uniforms began a first person account of Professor Roller's life. Roller's great-great-granddaughter, **Lee Livick Hahn**, daughter of **Colonel Malcolm** and **Linda Roller Livick**, made closing remarks. At



THE STORY - Clad in Confederate gray, a re-enactor tells the first person story of AMA's founder.

the conclusion, the band played a slow and reverent version of Dixie followed by a volley of musket fire. Chaplain **Frank Spencer, '49**, read the names of alumni who had passed away since Reunion 2006 followed by a single cannon shot and the playing of Taps.



Above, Linda Livick Hahn speaks at Founder's Day. Below, AMA Chaplain Frank Spencer, '49, reads the names of alumni who have passed away since Reunion 2006. Waiting to speak is Luke Snyder, '60, Vice President of the AMA Alumni Association.



Founder's Day 2007



AMA alumni and friends attend Founder's Day ceremonies in the Augusta Stone Church Cemetery during Reunion 2007.

THE FULL TEXT OF FOUNDER'S DAY CEREMONIES

FIRST RE-ENACTOR:

Good morning to y'all. Well... where do I start? At the beginning, I guess.

I was born just up the Valley Pike from here in Mount Sidney on the 8th of May in 1839. I was the oldest of seven children... but four of my brothers and sisters died before they were five years old. That was just the way it was back then. My father was the postmaster at Mount Sidney. We didn't have any public schools anywhere in Augusta County... but my father wanted me to have an education.

So I went to what they called Mossy Creek Academy where Jed Hotchkiss was the principal. I am sure y'all know that Jed was Stonewall Jackson's map maker... and during the Civil War... he would stop by my daddy's house and stay the night sometimes... but I am getting ahead of myself.

In the summers... I worked on the family farm and was a pretty good horseman. I also studied a lot because I thought I wanted to be a lawyer or a teacher one day. As a matter of fact... I went to the University of Virginia for two years... but then life changed for me, my family and our neighbors.

As soon as we heard about the first battle of the Civil War at Manassas...

where our boys whipped up on those Yanks pretty good... I took my horse and rode up to Fairfax Court House where I enlisted as a private in J.E.B. Stuart's Cavalry. I was in E Company of the First Virginia which had mostly fellows from Staunton, Waynesboro and Augusta County. Some called our company "The Valley Rangers" and others called it "The Augusta Rangers." The first soldier to get killed in battle from the regiment was from my company.

I won't go into any details about all the fighting we did but you can pretty well figure out what we were up against when I tell you where we fought... at Port Republic... at Chancellorsville where we lost ole Stonewall... at Gettysburg where Pickett's brave Virginians charged across that wide open field... We fought at Spottsylvania and Cedar Creek and Antietam and lots of other places I'd just as soon forget.

On the 8th of April in 1865... I was a courier taking a note to General Fitzhugh Lee who had his headquarters near Appomattox Court House. Well, sir, my horse threw me and the next thing I knew I was a Yankee prisoner. But only for one day since General Lee had to surrender to General Grant the very next day. General Grant let us keep our horses if we had them... so I

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Virginia's 400th birthday celebrated at reunion

Reunion 2007 began on Thursday 26 April which was 400 years to the day since the 104 men and boys from three little English ships first set foot on Virginia soil near what would become Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement in the New World. The Old Dominion's birthday was noted at the Saturday luncheon with music provided by the Staunton Ovation under the direction of Ray Hoaster.

The text of the salute to Virginia follows. **Bob Bradford, '50**, narrated: *We all know that Virginia is the mother of Presidents... Washington... Jefferson... Madison... Monroe... Tyler... Harrison... Taylor... and Woodrow Wilson - who was born in Staunton.*

Virginia...the foundation of our nation.

Virgin-ia...named for the First Queen Elizabeth - the Virgin Queen... Virginia...celebrating the 400th anniversary of the landing at Cape Henry on 26 April 1607... 400 years ago this past Thursday... and the establishment of the first permanent English settlement at Jamestown on 13 May 1607.

In the history of Egypt or Rome or even Great Britain... 400 years is not a long time. But 1607 is a very long time ago in American history. 105¹ men and boys on three little ships left England in January and spent four storm-tossed months on the Atlantic before entering the Chesapeake Bay.

In the 17th century... all of North America above Florida... east of the Mississippi... and all the way north to Canada was called Virginia. From the original area of Virginia...have come nine other states: North Carolina, Maryland, West Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, South Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois - and parts of Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

The eastern boundary of Virginia even included Bermuda for a time. Even today... in the governor's mansion in Springfield, Illinois... there is a picture of Illinois' first governor... Patrick Henry.

When Virginia Governor Spottswood brought his Knights of the Golden Horseshoe across the mountains to our East... and looked upon this great valley at his feet he named the river The Euphrates... but that fancy name didn't last long. Instead... an Indian word was chosen... A word meaning "Daughter of the Stars." Shenandoah!

Staunton Ovation: Shenandoah Jamestown...Yorktown.. Williamsburg... history was made there. And at Richmond... though it was not yet called Richmond... and throughout Eastern Virginia... during those early days... a nation was taking root.

The Revolutionary War ended at Yorktown with the surrender of Lord Cornwallis. Virginia grew in stature and significance. No state was more

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Photo by Bruce Strange, '72

Jim Hash, '72, gives his toast to the those who died in the Korean and Vietnam Wars:

For all my lost brothers and sisters at arms from wherever you hailed across this nation to whatever foreign soil tasted your courageous blood... hear this: We honor you! We salute you! We humbly bow our heads in thanks this and every day. May your souls find peace in God's grace and may your survivors reap your share of this nation's wealth, freedom and above all, gratitude from those who have benefitted from your sacrifice. Here's to you!



The Staunton Ovation helped tell the Virginia story musically

¹ 105 boys and men left England but only 104 arrived at Jamestown. One of the adults died during the crossing.



\$10,000 PUTT - John Botcheller from the honor class of 1967 makes ready to putt for \$10,000 in cash. Alumni competed throughout Casino Night for the privilege of making this 50 foot putt. John came within eight inches of winning \$5,000 for AMA and \$5,000 for himself – which he already pledged to donate to AMA.



THE BIG WINNER - Actually it was Sharon Trent who won \$300 US for having the most "Funny Money" at the end of Casino Night, but Sharon had retired early and hubby Steve, '70, picked up the loot and a certificate declaring that Sharon was the big winner of the first ever Augusta Military Academy Casino Night.



BEAUTY AND THE BEST - This beautiful and very happy lady is Karen, 27, the middle daughter of Nancy and John Botcheller, '67, who had just won \$200 for having the winning number on her Casino Night program. Making the presentation is Joe Massino, president of the Virginia company which put on the event.

Scott Gilliam, '76, won the 50/50 drawing. AMA got half and he got half of \$525, then he donated his winnings back to the AMA Foundation in honor and in memory of his brother, Rene, '75. Thanks, Scott!



IN THE CHIPS - Bill Rubush, '49, and Charlene ponder the craps table. Bill fingers a fistful of chips.

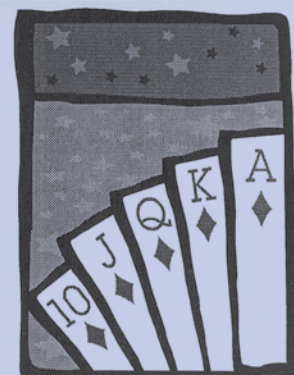
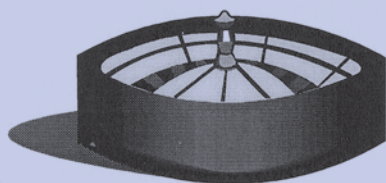


HIT ME! - Alex Wattay, '53, Tommy Simmons, '53, and Rod Willey, '51, playing Black Jack.



PIT BOSS? - No, it's Manuel Balbis, '53, observing action on the roulette wheel at the first ever AMA Casino Night.

CASINO NIGHT



**Inaugural Year
Reunion 2007**



The Massanutten Military Academy Drill Team put on an exhibition at AMA's 2007 reunion.

REUNION 2007



The AMA Gymnasium provides the perfect backdrop for a precision drill team. The sharp architectural features of the building complement the sharp command executions.



Massanutten's Sergeant Major Helms explains the rules of the knock-out drill where Massanutten cadets and ancient Augustans go through close order drill hoping to be the last person standing. The competition was called a draw with Brett Thompson, '75, the last Roller Rifleman still standing.



Colonel Nicholson takes the review.





Colonel Nicholson returns the salute as the Roller Rifles pass in review. The Color Guard, composed of cadets who were in the Guard when they were in school, stands behind Nicholson under the west goal posts.

Photo by Bruce Strange, '72

Roller Rifles Rock! Color Guard Sharp!



Photo by Victor Gomez, '69

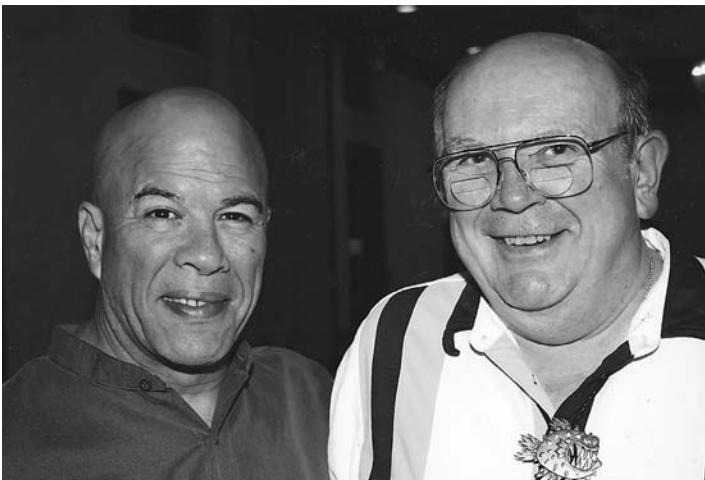
The drum beat echoed off Big Barracks and the foot falls were precise and perfectly timed. A very sharp AMA Color Guard added zest to a sterling Roller Rifle performance during Reunion 2007. Next year, Colonel Nicholson says he wants to march with the Rifles!



Photo by Ozzie Ferro, '53



Top, left, in tribute to Virginia Tech and the terrible tragedy in Blacksburg, three AMA men wore VT caps at the reunion: Frank Williamson, '60, Bob Bradford, '50, and Garry Granger, '71. Top, right, attending the Thursday night reception at the Staunton Country Club, Dr. Mel Alper, '39, Marla Fernandez, Jane Alper and Mario Garcia, '49.



Above, left, two alumni from Washington State at Reunion 2007: Karl Haleamau, '71, from Coupeville and Jerry Wildman, '57, from Shelton. Above, right, everyone was so delighted to see Linda Roller Livick looking so good. Here, she chats with Al Wattay, '53, at Founder's Day ceremonies in the Augusta Stone Church Cemetery. Below, left, Julian Quarles, '35, represented the oldest class at the reunion - he graduated 72 years ago. With Julian is Bill Rubush, '49. Below, right, a high level conference in the AMA Alumni House/Museum: standing, Bob Harris, '54, and Chuck Williams from Raymond James, the company which handles the AMA Foundation investment. Williams is a non-voting trustee. Seated, Frank Spencer, '49, AMA chaplain, and Garry Granger, President of the AMA Alumni Association.





AMA Legacy Scholarship 2007 Academic Award

April Baker stepdaughter of Gary Sheffer, '66

Like many AMA cadets, April had to face adversity when her dad passed away when she was just a year old. However, the spirit and determination of her mother kept her focused on what was important. At age five, April met the man who would assume the role of her father, Gary Sheffer, '66. Together, with her mother, older brother and sister, they became a new family.



Gary Sheffer, '66

The road to Blacksburg passes through Fort Defiance and April is on that road. Graduating from Fort Defiance High School, she will be attending Virginia Tech this Fall.

April has a weighted GPA of 4.25 and is an accomplished flautist. She enjoys marching in the Fort Defiance High School Marching Band and looks forward to fulfilling one of her lifetime dreams: playing with the Virginia Tech Marching Band.

Academically, April is a gifted math student and also excels in science. She was selected to attend the Shenandoah Valley

Regional Governor's School for Math, Science and Technology. At this school, she learned advanced math and science skills that she could use at her home school.

Between her music and academics, April finds time to mentor Clymore Elementary School across the street from The Fort. She's responsible for tutoring six special needs children in math, reading and social skills.

April's passion for music, children and education will be assets as she sets out for a career in industrial design.

She serves as an inspiration for young women to explore math and science as viable career choices.



2007 AMA Legacy Scholarships go to stepdaughter, granddaughter and grandson of Augusta alumni

Three AMA Legacy Scholarships, each worth \$3,000, were awarded to the children and grandchildren of AMA cadets during Reunion 2007.

Two stipends based on scholarship went to April Baker of Fort Defiance, the stepdaughter of **Gary Sheffer, '66**, and to Elizabeth Brandt of Waynesboro, granddaughter of **William Dyer Anderson, '28**.

A scholarship based on leadership abilities went to William Welte of Camden, Maine, the grandson of **William Welte, '38**.

AMA Scholarship Committee Chairman **Chris Meek, '84**, said that *"the quality of this year's applicants was extremely high... making the judges' decisions all the more difficult."* Meek also said that the AMA Foundation Trustees will decide at their September meeting how many scholarships and in what amount will be awarded in 2008. The Fall *Bayonet* will announce the number and amount of scholarships to be offered next year.



Bill Welte, '38, left, came back to his first ever AMA reunion to join in accepting a 2007 AMA Legacy Scholarship for his grandson, William, who was left at home in Maine studying for an entrance exam to Dartmouth College. AMA Scholarship Committee Chairman **Chris Meek, '84**, in the center and at right, young William's father.



Above, April Baker stands with Chris Meek after having received her scholarship based on her academic record. Headed for **Virginia Tech**, she has a weighted GPA of 4.25. Right, Elizabeth Brandt with Meek. She also earned an academic award which she will use at **Emory University**.

The AMA Legacy Scholarship program began in 1994 with a single \$1,000 award. Since then, 46 scholarships have been awarded at the \$1,000, \$2,000 and \$3,000 level. Foundation trustees have reaffirmed that, in the future, they wish to fund the scholarships from income earned on investments without invading the principal. *"We are hoping that we will be able to give more scholarships in larger amounts in coming years, but that will depend on contributions to the AMA scholarship fund,"* Meek said.



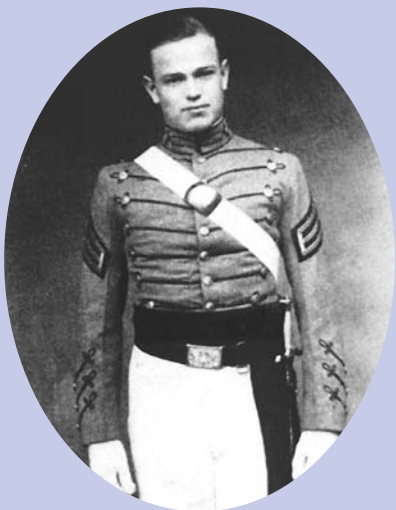
AMA Legacy Scholarship 2007 Academic Award

Elizabeth Brandt

granddaughter of William Anderson, '28

Elizabeth's academic resume reads like a Who's Who of American High School students. She excels in Latin, math, science and history. Her SAT scores were an incredible 2130 out of 2400! She has a weighted GPA of 4.2 which she will take to Emory University in Atlanta.

Her academic accomplishments alone make her an



William Dyer Anderson, '28

excellent candidate for this award. However, she doesn't stop at being just a great student: she is also a great athlete. Her accomplishments on the basketball court augment the academic awards and honors she has received. She has had high scores on the National Latin Exam since the ninth grade. On her last test, she was honored with *summa cum laude* on the Latin IV exam.



On the basketball court, Elizabeth gained local and state recognition as an overall player in scoring and rebounding. She played on her high school team and on The Heat, a tournament basketball team. In 2004, Elizabeth played on the AAU Division II National Champion Heat Team, a team

which went 49-9 and 9-0 in the championship tournament.

Among her many high school basketball accomplishments, she was named Gatorade Player of the Year in 2005.

Basketball is not the only court on which Elizabeth excels as she is an outstanding tennis player ranked number one in singles and doubles play this year.

Elizabeth's participation in community activities is second to none. She helps with Special Olympics, the Shenandoah Valley School Outreach Program, and the GEMS Program which encourages young women to study math and science and explore careers in those areas.

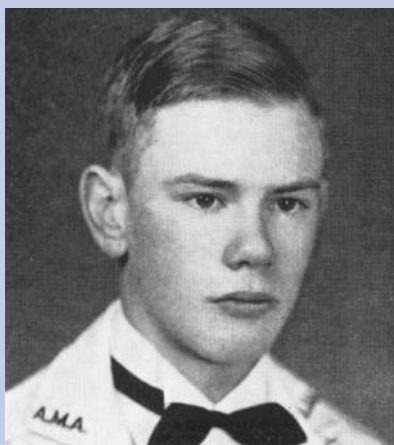
AMA Legacy Scholarship 2007 Leadership Award

William Welte

grandson of William D. Welte, '38

Growing up, William had the opportunity of spending time with his grandfather, William D. Welte, '38. The time they spent together inspired the younger William to explore academics and technology with many of their conversations centering on history and culture.

These conversations motivated William's curious and creative energies. He has a passion for writing, for example, and wrote, directed, acted in and produced a short film in the seventh grade. These creative efforts led him to



William D. Welte, '38

host an event on Japanese Anime at the Camden, Maine Public Library,

William is a Boy Scout. His good relationship with the Camden Public Library and the closeness of his grandfather made his choice for his community service project on the way to his becoming an Eagle Scout.



He developed a love for the library as a young man. Coupled with the passion the elder Welte instilled in him, William created an interactive kiosk depicting the history of the library from its beginnings as the "Ladies' Library" in 1854.

At Camden Hills Regional High School, William was selected to lead the school iTeam, a student technical support group. He excels at Tae Kwon Do and Ultimate Frisbee. The Camden Hills Ultimate Frisbee Club won the UPA regional and state competition in 2006. He also had a perfect score on the national Latin Exam in his sophomore year.

William will attend Dartmouth College this fall. He hopes to explore a career in writing. To help sick kids, he hopes to implement his idea of bringing video games into the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center to take their minds off their ailments and to provide something fun and colorful to focus on instead.

Golfers raise another \$1,000 for AMA

Once again, the Augusta Duffers raised \$1,000 at an AMA reunion to support the work of the AMA Alumni Foundation. *"They never fail to come through and we thank them for their loyalty,"* said Foundation Chairman **Frank Williamson, '60**.

It being April in Virginia, the golfers teed off with raindrops falling. All the players finished 18 holes in spite of intermittent rain. In four of the last five years, rain has either threatened or fallen, but the AMA Open has yet to be canceled or shortened. **Golf Chairman Mickey Toms, '67**, said *"we had a fun-filled day at Ingleside."*

Shooting 14 under par, first place went to the **Sayre/Poluito** team followed closely by the **Schroeder/Pressley** team which shot 13 under par. Third place went to **Prentice, Baxter, Toms** and **Moran** at seven under par. All the teams were five under par or better. This was the first time that **Mac Coiner, Phil Casey** and **Bobby Rhea** played under par in their entire career, thanks to the fourth member of the team, **Chuck Foley** from the Missouri Military Academy.

Fritz Schroeder, Billy Sayre and **Chuck Foley** tied for closest to the pin. Sayre had the longest drive and Schroeder the longest successful putt.

The golf package included 18 holes of golf, a golf cart, lunch, a gift bag donated by **Chuck Foley**, golfballs donated by **Frank Williamson** and **Toms**, hats, cigars, gifts and snacks. Each player also received one of the new AMA coins.



RAIN, RAIN, GO AWAY - Some of the golfers at Reunion 2007 lined up for a photo at Ingleside while keeping a wary eye on the clouds above. L. to r., kneeling, **Golf Chairman Mickey Toms, '67**, and **Jack Prentice, '67**. Standing, **Forbes Braithwaite, '67**, **Tommy Pressley, '67**, **Fritz Schroeder** and his dad, **Jeff Schroeder, '67**, **Bobby Rhea, '47**, **Blaine Clarke, '72**, **Chuck Foley**, **Missouri Military Academy alumnus and donor of the AMA Golf Trophy** which he holds, **Mac Coiner, '62**, **Paul Poluito, '78**, **Phil Casey, '62**, **Billy Sayre, son of Bob Sayre**, **Al Zayas, '72**, **Bob Sayre, '51**, **Paul's son Matt Poluito**, and **Bob Moran**. Chairman Toms listed the following as AWOL: **Tom DelValle, '73**, **Doug Pennock, '72**, **Bruce Orenstein, '69**, the **May brothers** – **Jack, '68**, **Keith, '70**, and **Rick, '62**, **Peter Lampman, '65**, **George Richardson, '64**, **Jesse Porter, '64**, **Garry Granger, '71**, **Nicky Syropoulos, '69**, and **"Scootch" Melcher, '71**.

Those AWOL are ordered to report to the Commandant's office.

Rick Ellett, '72, tops clay shooters

The annual Sporting Clay Shoot at the Flying Rabbit in Harrisonburg saw **Rick Ellett, '72**, edge **Christopher Kemp** 85-84. The shoot has become a reunion tradition.

Third place went to **Ron "Scootch" Melcher, '71**, who broke 82 out of 100. **Scott Rosenstein, '71**, shot an 81 while **Blaine Clarke, '72**, came in with a 79.

Rain threatened all through the day but held off during the shoot.

Rod Willey, '51, was our host at **THE STAUNTON COUNTRY CLUB**, site of the Thursday reception kicking off Reunion 2007. Right, **Gordon Metz, '68**, greets **Duke Fancher, '58**, and **Ozzie Ferro, '53**.

Photo by Victor Gomez, '69



On to Richmond – a capital idea

They boarded the luxury motor coach on a dreary day for the trip to Virginia's state capital – AMA folks who were attending Reunion 2007. Though it did rain a bit on the trip, it detracted nothing from the sights that were seen.

Traveling on a bus courtesy of **Bob Hume, '63**, and led by Bev and **Frank Williamson, '60**, who were going back to their hometown, the travelers visited the remodeled Capitol Building, drove down Monument Avenue, visited Hollywood Cemetery where the famous lie and saw Robert E. Lee's home. A rest stop was made at the gorgeous Jefferson Hotel and lunch was served at the 2300 Club. A truly fantastic day with many kudos to Frank and Bev.



MAKE WAY FOR THE QUEEN - Just four days after this photo was taken, Queen Elizabeth II spoke at the State Capitol Building as part of her tribute to Virginia's 400th birthday. Seated in the chamber are Manuel Balbis, '53, and Lucrecia, and J.B. Simmons, '47. The AMA group was the first group to visit the newly renovated Capitol, made possible by the generosity of Senator John Chichester, '55, the President *pro tem* of the Virginia Senate.



ALL ABOARD! - Boarding the motor coach in Staunton for the trip to Richmond are Ernie Click, '48, Nancy Bradford (Mrs. Bob, '50), Sue Click (Mrs. Ed, '50), and Ernie's wife, Marge. Below, in the foyer of the Jefferson Hotel.

Photos by Victor Gomez, '69



Above, left, the Thomas Jefferson designed Capitol through the rain. Above, right, the 2300 Club where lunch was served. Below, left, seated in the Senate. Below, right, the end of a long but satisfying day.

Photos by Victor Gomez, '69



One more time, we thank **Bob Hume, '63**, for providing one of his luxury motor coaches for the reunion trip to Richmond. We couldn't do it without you, Bob! Thanks so very much.

Flag flown in Iraq comes to Fort Defiance High School

The kids were amazed and **Bruce Hemp** was delighted.

The Fort Defiance High School math teacher and steadfast AMA friend had just received a package from Iraq. Inside was an American flag that had flown over the U. S. Marine base at Fallujah and a handwritten letter from the Marines' commanding officer, **Colonel Larry Nicholson, '75**.

Hemp and 50 of her students had made Christmas cards for the troops in Combat Team 5, one of whom was Nicholson, who would spend Christmas Day 2006 fighting off a terrorist ambush. The kids wrote personal messages on each card. Sophomore Emily Gunn said, *"I wrote something like have a good holiday even though I am sure you wish you were somewhere else... I never thought such a little thing could be such a big thing to someone else. It amazes me."*

Says Colonel Nicholson, *"These warm letters from these great kids meant a lot to my Marines. Hearing from someone not from their family brought a message of support that would be hard to duplicate."*



FORT DEFIANCE HIGH SCHOOL Principal Larry Landes and Wesley Livick, son of Martha and Mal Livick, Jr., '75, hold the flag and the certificate that came from Colonel Nicholson. Mal, Jr. and Larry Nicholson graduated from AMA together.



THEY WERE EVERYWHERE! The reunion would not have been the success it was without these two dedicated ladies. Bev Williamson and Anne Snyder, wives of Frank and Luke, both from the Class of 1960, are shown above womanning (as opposed to manning) the money desk at Casino Night. We owe these two ladies a special vote of thanks!



THE TOWER OF POWER raised \$900 in just one night (Friday) during the reunion. With Casino Night and the Silent Auction running on Saturday, Frank Williamson, '60, father of the tower idea, decided not to sell tickets Saturday. Still, this year, the Tower raised nearly \$1,000 – again. Above, Jorge Roviroso, '70, and Frank Spencer, '49, buy Tower of Power tickets from Ben Zinkhan, '60, and John Hash, '75. Winners of a bottle of Virginia Gentleman were Ed Click, '50 and Mickey Toms' Mom.

AMA Alumni Foundation Grants Committee is named

Alumni Association President **Garry Granger, '71**, has appointed an alumni committee to explore the possibility of the AMA Foundation's receiving private and government grants for research and related subjects.

The committee is chaired by **Al Zayas, '72**. Members include **Dr. Darryl Mizer, '62**, **Warren Fleming, '72**, **Chuck Williams** of Raymond-James, an AMA Foundation

trustee, and **Dana Davidson**, Foundation administrator.

The Foundation has received its first grant from the State of Virginia, a \$10,000 award for historical research.

Brett Thompson, '75, master painter

Time to thank Brett and his crew of painters for giving the back porch of the AMA Alumni House/Museum a much needed coat of weather resistant paint. It looks great and you saved us many dollars, Brett. Thanks!

★ World War II ★ Korean War ★ Vietnam War ★ Gulf War veterans

We ask you to consider joining the
\$500 Club

For several years, we have been trying to complete our commitment to the Virginia War Memorial. Video interviews are being conducted of **AMA alumni** who were in uniform during the Gulf War, the Vietnam War, the Korean War and World War Two. The completed 26 minute video will be made available to **schools throughout Virginia** and is in a format which will permit its broadcast on the **History Channel**.

The interviews are being done by Tom Kennedy of Kennedy and Green Communications in conjunction with the Virginia War Memorial in Richmond. Kennedy has interviewed more than a thousand veterans of these four wars. **Mac McInnis, '67**, Chairman of the War Memorial Video Committee, has watched the interviews of **eleven AMA alumni** and attests to the high quality of the interviews.

The video we are working on is to be of remembrances from **AMA alumni ONLY**. In other words, this will be an **ALL AMA PROGRAM**.

The cost to do each 45 minute interview is \$1,500 if done in Richmond. If interviews are done outside Richmond, the fee is the same but travel, room and board are added to the cost. So far, eight AMA interviews have been done in Staunton and three in Richmond.

*The cost to produce the AMA video is \$50,000.
Of that amount, half already has been raised or pledged.*

**WE ASK THAT YOU CONSIDER A \$500 CONTRIBUTION TO COMPLETE THE
PRODUCTION OF THE AMA WAR MEMORIAL VIDEO**

If 50 alumni give at least \$500, we can complete the Augusta Military Academy War Memorial Video. An alumnus has just given us a check for \$5,000 which brought us to the halfway mark. If you can contribute more than \$500, we would be grateful indeed. Use the enclosed yellow envelope to send in your check in any amount.

If you have questions, contact Committee Chairman Mac McInnis at: mmcinnia@glcva.com or phone 804/359-3575

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VISA, MasterCard, American Express accepted. Mail checks to: AMA War Memorial, P. O. Box 100, Fort Defiance, VA 24437

Board, Foundation get good financial news

"Best accounting procedures" working

The AMA Alumni Foundation Trustees and the AMA Alumni Association Board received positive reports about the financial underpinnings of both organizations.

Foundation Chair **Frank Williamson, '60**, said that "we are using the 'best accounting procedures' and they are working." He went on to say that now, every penny is being accounted for and "we can tell at a glance where we are on any given day." He gave credit to the Finance Committee headed by **Dr. Richard Whitaker, '72**, and the financial protocols which have been adopted.

Association President **Garry Granger, '71**, announced that the Reunion 2008 theme will center on the new AMA Sports Hall of Fame. The first group of inductees will be honored at next year's reunion. The selection committee is composed of **Jim Stillwagon, '67**, Chairman, representa-

tives from the decades – **Julian Quarles, '35**, **Ernest Click, '48**, **Roger Messick, '52**, **Granger, '71**, and **Chris Meek, '84** – plus **Colonel Mal Livick**, and **Sergeants Joe Josephson** and **Don Studer**. Nominations are now being actively sought.

The Foundation agreed to fund half the cost of getting the AMA video done at the Virginia War Memorial. The total cost for the project (which involves taped interviews with AMA people who are veterans of World War Two, Korea, Vietnam



President Granger presides.

and the Gulf War) is \$50,000 of which \$25,000 has been raised. The finished product will be made available to schools all over Virginia. A campaign to raise \$25,000 with which to repay the Foundation is being kicked off in this issue of *The Bayonet*. **Mac McInnis, '67**, is spearheading the project.

Ed Chauncey, '49, reported that there are still some 70 boxes of old school records which need to be examined, "each more than one person can lift." Chauncey estimates that each box will take from four to five hours to go through. **Rod Willey, '51**, **Clyde Ramsey, '49**, and **Bob Harris, '54**, volunteered to help. Other volunteers are still being sought to complete the mammoth project.

Jeff Schroeder, '67, offered his CPA services to the Foundation *pro bono* for which he was commended warmly. AMA still needs an attorney who can devote a minimum of time to association and foundation matters. **Bobby Rhea, '47**, filled this function with great distinction for many years.

Granger emphasized the need for active class agents to help rally the Honor Classes each year. A list of incumbent class agents will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Williamson emphasized that there is still a need for volunteers at the AMA Museum: "**Goodloe Saunders, '57**, **Ben Zinkhan, '60**, **Sergeant Joe Josephson** and **Sergeant**



ATTENTIVE - Alumni listen intently to reports being given at the AMA Alumni Board of Directors meeting at Reunion 2007.

Don Studer keep the museum open Tuesday through Friday. They need people to spell them on the weekends. When no one volunteers for Saturday or Sunday, one of this faithful four also has to give up a day on the weekend to keep the museum open." **Frank Spencer, '49**, sporting an AMA Volunteer shirt explained that this kind of shirt is not for sale in the PX: "You only get it when you volunteer at the alumni house/museum."

The foundation's lease on the alumni house/museum property was discussed. A meeting is being sought with the owners of the property to discuss amending and extending the lease.

Four new AMA Alumni Association directors were elected: **Blaine Clarke, '72**, **Doug Pennock, '72**, **Rich Smail, '67**, and **Steve Traylor, '72**.

Dave Conrad, '59, gave the Nominating Committee report which recommended the following slate: Granger, President; **Luke Snyder, '60**, Vice President; **Ed Click, '50**, Treasurer; **Steve Trent, '70**, Secretary; and Spencer, chaplain. The slate was elected by acclamation.

The Foundation board will look at income at its September meeting and will decide then how many AMA Legacy Scholarships will be awarded in 2008 and what each will be worth. The Fall *Bayonet* will announce the results.

Ramsey made good on his pledge to match what bus riders paid for their trip to Richmond on the Friday of the reunion. This came to \$37 for 50 riders which gave AMA an extra \$1,850. Once more, Clyde was warmly thanked for his generosity.

Granger reconstituted the Grants Committee to include: **Al Zayas, '72**, Chairman, **Dr. Darryl Mizer, '62**, **Warren Fleming, '72**, Foundation Trustee **Chuck Williams** of Raymond James, and **Dana Davidson**, Foundation administrator. It was also announced that AMA will be receiving a \$10,000 grant from the State of Virginia for "historical research." Details will be forthcoming in late June.

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I had a chance two days ago to be in Bethesda, Maryland. Debbie and I, every time we are in the Washington area, we go to Bethesda to make the rounds. We go to see every wounded Marine in that hospital. The greatest threat to a wounded Marine is his fear that he'll not get back to his unit. That is his greatest fear.

The Commandant of the Marine Corps has now made a rule to let people who have lost limbs continue to serve. So now, we have a number of Marines who have a new motivation and extra incentive to rehabilitate themselves so they can get back on active duty. It is not uncommon now at a Marine base to see a significant number of guys with a limp showing that they have artificial limbs.

About the situation in Iraq. First, I have seen the **Roller Rifles** in their uniforms and they look pretty good. I could have used some of them in Iraq! I know they practiced hard yesterday and let's give a hand for the Roller Rifles, the Color Guard and the drummers.

One of the things I learned here at AMA in my early years was interpersonal skills. I have been around people who are much brighter and talented than I am, but perhaps they lack some of the interpersonal skills we had to develop living in this leadership laboratory that we called Big Barracks or Band Barracks. We had to learn how to work with other people. Personal dynamics and the ability to lead, to influence individuals has been a large part of my life and it is something that I am very grateful to this institution for giving me.

Fallujah today – I can't speak for other parts of the country – but I think I can talk with some reliability about what is going on in Fallujah. I will give you the good, the bad and the ugly and I'll give it to you as straight as I can. I will tell you now that Fallujah is the most prosperous and advanced city in Iraq today. Two years ago, we had the epic fight there. It had become the center of evil – this is where Al-Zarqawi and his bandits holed up. The torture rooms that were uncovered and the atrocities committed by Iraqis on Iraqis in the city of Fallujah were horrible. Fallujah was a city of 50,000 at the end of the battle. But today, there are upwards of 400,000 people living in Fallujah.

Many people wonder if we fixed bayonets every day and jumped out of our foxholes. Far from it. On a weekly basis, I would attend the Fallujah City Council meeting, micro-

finance meetings, construction meetings where the great Army Corps of Engineers, Marine engineers and civilian engineers would work together to get the power on. You don't hear much now about the power and the water and a lot of these other issues. Why? Because they are working well, that's why. They are not newsworthy any more. It is very interesting for a guy like me and my Marines to come back to watch the news media. It doesn't in any way reflect the reality that we experience in Iraq.

My time was spent mainly working with the Iraqi leadership. We all understand that the ultimate exit strategy – the only exit strategy that will work – is for the Iraqis to pick up the pack and take on the security responsibility themselves. In my area of operation, that is happening. There were 3,000 Marines in Fallujah when we arrived. Now there are less than 200 Marines in the city. The responsibility for policing the city has been picked up by Iraqi police and the Iraqi army. That is no small feat because the Iraqi police were all Sunni and the army is all Shiite. To get those guys to work together took all the interpersonal skills I learned in Big Barracks 30 years ago when I tried to make peace between rival factions – maybe between Band Company and Alpha Company. Those interpersonal skills that I took from here started me on my way.

Fallujah is a Sunni town. One problem we don't have that Baghdad has is that we don't have Sunnis and Shiites living in the same town. So we don't have that sectarian violence. In Fallujah, we did have a Shiite army. A delicate balance. Now you had soldiers walking the streets in the south and some Sunnis would tell me they would

rather shoot a Shiite Iraqi army guy than an American Marine. A very convoluted mix.

During World War Two, you could tell how close you were getting to Berlin and Tokyo. There are no such metrics available for the Iraq War. If you try to look at what those metrics might be – U.S. casualties, enemy casualties, captured enemy – it is very difficult to measure success. One metric is the reduction in the load on Americans as we push Iraqis forward.

My message about Fallujah is a positive one. I think what we have seen over the last 12-18 months is a step forward for Iraqi forces. Baghdad is still a problem and I know that it doesn't matter how well we are doing in



At the conclusion of his remarks, President Granger presented Colonel Nicholson with an eagle saying that "the eagle is soaring just as you have soared."

Falujah if Baghdad doesn't get its act together. We will have continuing problems if that doesn't happen.

Of the 14 provinces in Iraq, ten are absolutely quiet every day. Nothing bad is happening in ten of the 14 provinces. So there are positive developments.

Let me tell you what we started in Fallujah. I had a business degree from The Citadel and a masters in political science from Fort Leavenworth, but nowhere did I learn to be a city manager. Nowhere was anyone trying to teach how to get the lights back on, how to work city councils, how to work with shieks. By the way, perhaps the most unreported development in Iraq was the revolt of the shieks of the summer of 2006 when the shieks banded together and decided to turn their backs on Al Queda at great cost to their personal lives and fortunes.

The message we gave when we arrived in Fallujah was a tough love message. The first message I gave to the Fallujah City Council was "we are leaving." We are not going to be here forever. We have no colonial aspirations. So you have two choices. Over the next few years we can work together, rebuild your businesses, jumpstart your economy and your infrastructure, and try to get folks back to work, or you can call us occupiers, we will call you terrorists and we will keep shooting at each other. In the end, we are still leaving, and what is your city going to look like when we are gone?

Keep praying for our troops

I think that message resonated. It was a message of independence. Get your act together. You're gonna be in charge. We will be here to back you up and will try to protect your population from sectarian violence, but in the end I felt that our regiment and the entire Marine Corps had done a great job in Iraq. The casualty rate is considerably down. So keep praying for our troops. And please continue your support for the troops no matter how you feel about the war, no matter your political persuasion.

This has been a wonderful homecoming for me. There is something special and magical about coming into the Shenandoah Valley and seeing this wonderful school. I can't tell you how encouraged I am to see all of you gathered here today to support the legacy of this great institution.

There is another military college somewhere near here – one I did not go to – but they have a great saying at VMI: the Institute will be heard from today.

The only thing I can tell you, ladies and gentlemen, is as long as I am on active duty, Augusta Military Academy will be heard from in the United States Marine Corps on a daily basis.

God bless each of you and Semper Fidelis.

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Mitchell's Restaurant sent many boxes to Nicholson's Iraq Marines

Jim Mitchell, '76, and his family celebrated the 100th birthday of the restaurant his grandfather opened in Pittsburgh with a big party in late 2006. Among guests were **Colonel Mal Livick** and the governor of Pennsylvania.



CALM BEFORE THE STORM - Carol Drake and Dave Conrad, '59, at the Thursday night reception at the Staunton Country Club. Carol and Dave found most of their weekend consumed by the Silent Auction and the PX shop at the Holiday Inn. This is an area where more volunteer help is definitely needed next year!

Photo by Victor Gomez, '69



CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT welcomed reunion goers to Virginia on the Old Dominion's 400th birthday. Ron Ferqueron plays the part of Newport, the English ship captain of one of the three ships which landed near Jamestown in 1607. In the background, Alumni Association President Granger, '71, looks over his script

Photo by Victor Gomez, '69

The price of admission to the 14 October 2006 party was a gift for **Colonel Larry Nicholson's** Marines in Iraq.

As a result, Jim was able to send quite a few boxes to Iraq, the largest single gift that Larry's Marines received. "We all very much appreciated what Jim Mitchell and his restaurant patrons did," said Nicholson.

Founder's Day

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started for home. That awful long four years of war was over in Virginia... and pretty soon all the other Confederate armies had to lay down their arms too.

The Valley was in pretty bad shape. Barns and houses had been burned. The Yankees had come through and taken all the food and animals. It was only April and most of the crops weren't in. A lot of people were hungry. My younger brother, Courtney, had served in the Fifth Virginia... and later in the war with us in the Augusta Rangers. It was hard on us and all the other veterans to have seen so much blood spilled. I have to tell you that Court and I... together with lots of other young fellows... spent a lot of time in the tavern in Mount Sidney trying to forget the horrors we had seen.

But as summer went by and September came... I found that I had a higher purpose to serve. I discovered that there was another kind of hunger that a corn fritter wouldn't cure.

Lots of the boys hadn't seen a classroom for four years... and because I had a little college... they commenced to ask me to teach them the three R's: readin', writin' and 'rithmetic. So... right over there by the church, C. M. Packer and I started in tutoring these fellows. The war hadn't been over but four months... and here we were trying to make up for four years of lost time.

There was a red brick building over by the church... and I became Principal of what we called the Old Fort Academy in 1866. We arranged for folks who lived around here to board the students who didn't live within a walk or a horse-back ride to the school. School ran for five months. All the boys had farm work to do when the weather was good.

I taught English and languages... and charged 45 dollars for each student for the whole five months... and lots of folks had trouble coming up with even 45 dollars, I can tell you.

SECOND RE-ENACTOR:

I got myself elected to the Virginia General Assembly in 1871... but only for one term. There's a bunch of folks today who I wish would only stay for one term... but I can't do anything about that, I guess.



The Brass Section of the Stonewall Brigade Band plays at Founder's Day ceremonies.

Round about 1874... I moved my school from the brick building to a new frame building there a little south of the church.

I courted Rosabelle Moorman... and we got married in October of 1874. 1874 is also the year I count as the founding date of AMA... though we didn't call it AMA yet. In 1879... I built the house where the AMA Alumni House and Museum is now located.

We had four children

Rosabelle and I had four children that many AMA folks will remember:

Our daughter... Maggie Belle... who later lived in the old family house...

Our son... William... who was the AMA doctor for a time...

Our son... Tom... who was AMA's principal from the time I died in 1907 until 1946 when he died...

And our son... Charles, Junior... who most of you knew as Major or Colonel or General Roller or "The Big Boy."

By 1880... half of our thirty students were from outside the local community here. Around the same time... I decided that my school should have a military underpinning... not so much to teach

the boys to be soldiers... but to instill discipline and responsibility.

As fate would have it, the first uniforms I could get for our cadets were surplus Union Army uniforms... so they wore Army Blue instead of the Cadet Gray of a later time. Some folks complained... but I always thought that the war settled things... and after it was over... we were all Americans again.

We built a frame barracks next to the family home... with each room outfitted for two boys. Every room had a wood stove... two beds with mattresses that were filled with corn shucks on rope springs... and an oil lamp. There were two buckets to a room: one for carrying water from the spring up the hill behind our house... and the other one... well... it was called a slop jar.

Saturday was wood chopping day when the cadets would split and stack the wood they would later burn. If they got done early... there was time for recreation... and the favorite game back then was... marbles. Yep, marbles. On Saturday nights... the students would debate. I believe that no man is educated who can't stand on his own two feet and convey an idea. And so we had spirited debates between and among the boys every Saturday night.

I taught every day. I had to wear bifocals and had to peer over them to see what was going on in my classes. Every man and boy chewed tobacco back then... even in class. I didn't care if the boys on the front row used my cuspidor... providing their aim was good.

My family worshipped at the Stone Church... and I saw to it that our students also attended church. They paid a "pew fee" of one dollar a year. After my time, the church added space to take care of the big Cadet Corps.

I went off for a year to serve as Principal of the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind in Staunton... and my brother... Sheffey... ran the school while I was gone. This was in 1883 and 1884.

By this time... around 1884... we called the school Augusta Male Academy. Later on... we named it the Augusta Classical and Military Academy... and from 1890 on... it was just plain Augusta Military Academy. Jed Hotchkiss delivered the commencement address in 1898.

In 1899... our school helped the Old Stone Church celebrate its 150th anniversary by lining up to allow the worshippers to walk between two lines of cadets. It looked mighty fine, I can tell you.

Many folks refer to me as Colonel Roller today. Well... I was just a private during the entire Civil War. Later on... I was a colonel in the Virginia Militia... but most folks I knew called me Professor Roller... or the Old Boss. Things were so bad right after the war... but one positive thing happened. We all went to work to educate our young... and to bring our nation back together.

Before I quit, I want to tell you a little story that you may not know. There was a one room schoolhouse in Mount Sidney where a woman named Ida Stover taught. All of us who were teaching in Augusta County back around 1882 knew each other. Ida got a one thousand dollar inheritance from her father about that time... and decided to join her brothers who were part of the great Kansas migration. There in Kansas... Ida Stover met and married a fellow named David Eisenhower.

I guess you know the rest of that story. Their third son was named David Dwight... but Ida did not want to call him Dave... so they changed his name to Dwight David Eisenhower.

As I look back on how I started teaching a few boys over by the church... it is hard to believe that at some future time... my little school would have hundreds of cadets! Well, our dear little school lives on in my soul... and I thank you all for coming today to pay this special honor to me.

And now... I want to present my great-great-granddaughter... Lee Hahn.

LEE LIVICK HAHN:

I am very honored to stand here and talk about my great-great grandfather, Professor Charles S. Roller. I have thought about different things I might talk about today and I feel that the best topic would be about family and honor.

Augusta Military Academy is family in many hearts of those who stand here today. The professor was a true family man. His family and their descendants were involved with the operation of the Academy throughout its history. The family values that are handed down



AMA Alumni Association Vice President Luke Snyder, '60, presided at Founder's Day.

from generation to generation are the pride of our country.

Thousands of cadets have passed through Augusta Military Academy during its more than one hundred years of educational service. This school – located here in Fort Defiance – taught so many young men who cite how the education and training they received influenced them for the remainder of their lives.

Following the War Between the States, Professor Roller decided that the young veterans of that terrible con-

flict needed the opportunity to continue their education. The professor was known as one of the most successful educators of his time. His abilities as an administrator and disciplinarian were passed on to those children who followed in his footsteps operating Augusta.

Augusta Military Academy has been a big part of my life. Since I was a child, I came to the Old Stone Church Cemetery to observe Founder's Day when we honor my great-great grandfather.

I remember one fall day after AMA closed when my sons were trying my patience. I loaded them into the van and drove to Waynesboro where we circled the campus of Fishburne. I told them that if they didn't straighten up that is where they would be going to school. Later, I told my Dad what I had threatened. He looked me in the eye and told me that going to a military school is not a punishment but is an honor. Those words have stuck with me ever since.

Attending AMA was an honor. The education you received and the friendships that were made have lasted a lifetime for many of you. If the professor were here today, I feel he would be very proud of all who are keeping the Augusta Spirit alive.

Today, I am honored to be a part of the heritage of Augusta and honored to stand here with you – the alumni of Augusta.

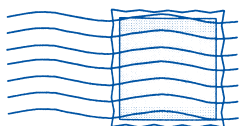
Thank you, great-great grandfather, for the opportunity you provided all of us to be a part of Augusta Military Academy.



We sincerely thank Brock Nicely, a graduate of Staunton Military Academy, who arranged for the Confederate re-enactors to play a crucial role in the 2007 Founder's Day ceremonies. We are much in debt to the fellows who spoke Professor Roller's part and who provided the firing squad.

Thanks also to Margaret Helms who led the Stonewall Brigade Brass Band in the stirring music which helped to set the scene.

Letters to the Editor



There were indeed Naval flyers at AMA

I was relieved to see the article in the last issue about the Naval flying cadets who were at AMA during World War II. I have told AMA people about this before and they looked at me as if I were crazy.

But I saw these fellows a number of times - jovial, upbeat, obviously with high morale. I believe they were quartered in the building behind the Mess Hall (*At various times, CW Barracks and Band Barracks*) They had olive or green uniforms and spent a lot of time flying Piper Cubs. They could have been in the V-12 or V-7 program, more likely V-7 which trained naval aviators.

Dr. George "Boots" Solan, '43
Stow, OH

More on the Naval aviators

There were indeed Naval aviators who took their training at the Verona Airport. I don't remember that they showed any rank on their uniforms and they were an undisciplined bunch around barracks, drying their laundry all over the place, food (which I think included beer) left out on the railings and occasional raucous yells which were brought to a quick halt by **Maggie Belle Robinson**.

Several years ago, when no one at AMA believed my story about the cadets, I tried the US Navy archives but could find no record. I believe these fellows were a sub-detachment of an aviation class at UVA which had progressed to flight training. Does anyone remember that?

Chris Harrison, '43
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Chief Master Sergeant Chuck Salome

For those who have never had a "real" first sergeant, I have to tell you that **Charles "Chuck" Salome, '64**, was the best. He was the eldest son of Colonel Richard Salome, attended military dependent schools in Europe and graduated from AMA. The next year in 1965, he enlisted in the Air Force and was assigned to the prestigious Maroon Berets at Clark Air Force Base in The Philippines.



**Charles
Salome,
1964 Recall**

Chuck had three tours of Vietnam where he won a Silver Star for valor, the Distinguished Flying Cross with five oak leaf clusters, the Air Medal with 21 clusters, and many other honors. He was at Da Nang Airfield and Bien Hoa in Vietnam.

Later, Chuck went to Kindley AFB Bermuda, McCoy AFB Florida, Nakhon Phanom Royal Thai AFB in Thailand, Plattsburg AFB New York, Hickham AFB Honolulu, and Nellis AFB Nevada.

I had been planning to look him up for many years but I waited too long. Chuck retired from the Air Force in 1992 and died in an auto wreck on my birthday - 5 September 1998. But I know where he went and I hope that when I die I will meet him on the streets of Heaven. That is when I will tell Chuck Salome how much he meant to me. First Shirt, we miss you.

Robert Hearn
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A Reunion 2007 "thank you"

This letter is addressed to **Dana Davidson, Don Studer, Joe Josephson, Ben Zinkhan** and all of the other wonderful AMA volunteers. I just want you to know what a beautiful job you did in what was one of our best AMA reunions ever.

Without a doubt, your hard work, dedication and love for Augusta made it a great reunion. Many of us look forward to these annual meetings as opportunities to reminisce about what was a very important and life changing time in our lives.

The opportunity to rekindle old friendships and come across someone you have not seen for many years is priceless. Every AMA alumnus should take advantage of these annual opportunities - while you still can.

Jorge Rovirosa, '70
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A wonderful weekend!

The reunion was just a wonderful weekend! And **Larry Nicholson** - what can I say? He was my company commander and I have always thought of him as the greatest natural leader I have ever met. My high hope was that other cadets would look at me in that same way.

We went to Missouri Military Academy over Memorial Day weekend to bring our son, Matt, back home for the summer. His last report carried a 3.57 GPA!

Jim Mitchell, '76
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The Roller Boys

My father, **Charlton Augustus Mewborn**, attended Augusta from 1928 to 1932. He wrote a 160 page novel in 1978 called *The Roller Boys or Telling Tales Out of School*. It is all of his experiences, good and bad, at his beloved AMA. There are many people named in it though some may have had their names changed "to protect the innocent." There are graphic things and touching things in the book. We are considering what to do with the manuscript and will stay in touch with you.

Dad graduated from the University of Michigan as an English major and was Gerald Ford's fraternity brother. They washed dishes at the DKE house and father said that Ford was not very good at it! My father got his law degree at USC and practiced law in California and Tennessee until he passed away in 1984.

Betsy Cowan
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We welcome your letters which we have the right to edit.

B. J. d'Orsay from the Class of 1970 created AMA's fantastic webpage in the late 1990's.

From the beginning... he said that content is the most important aspect of a successful web page.

What did our alumni want to see on the AMA site? News about other alumni, of course... and pictures of alumni events... and plans for cruises and picnics and reunions.

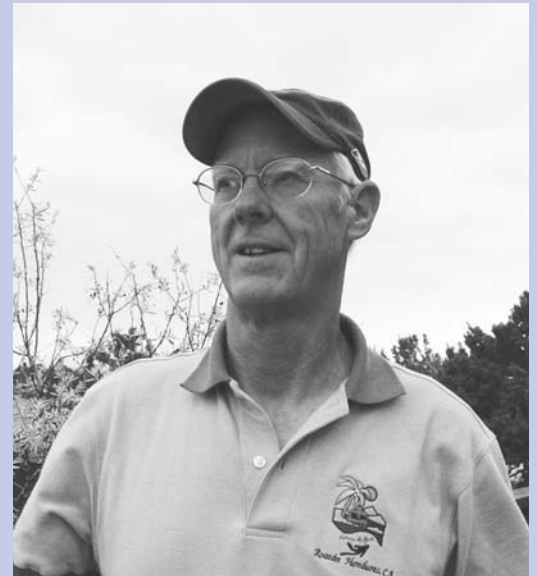
And the AMA yearbooks.

Many of us have moved many times... but always have managed to take their *Recalls* to the next home. But so many alumni have lost theirs... maybe in a fire... or a divorce... or a move.

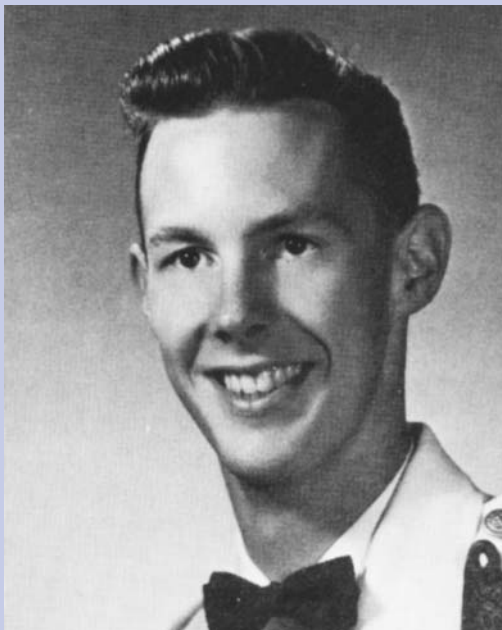
So... in late 2004... we asked for help in scanning all of the AMA yearbooks that we have in our collection... and putting them on line.

A massive project for sure. While some *Recalls* were 100 pages... more or less... the yearbooks in **Doc Savedge's** era were Tomes! Monsters... running to 300 pages and more.

On 4 December of 2004... B.J. got an e-mail from an alumnus in Santa Fe, New Mexico offering to begin the process of scanning all the Augusta Military Academy yearbooks.



**Bruce Nicholson,
AMA, Class of 1962**



From the 1962 Recall

That call was **Bruce Nicholson** from the Class of 1962.

Bruce very quickly took charge of the project... and... to quote B.J. ... "has been going strong ever since."

Today... 18 *Recalls* have been completely scanned... and are on CD or DVD. Eight more are partially scanned... most of these being done by our Vice President... **Luke Snyder**.

By the way... Bruce has made it clear that he will take all the help he can get. And there is even the promise of a new scanner for anyone who will scan at least two yearbooks.

It was Bruce who answered the call in 2004... and it is through his leadership and diligent efforts that you can now go on line and see so many of our yearbooks.

A 2007 AMA Alumni Medal was awarded to Bruce Nicholson from the Class of 1962.

(Bruce could not be here at this year's reunion and we will see to it that he gets his medal in Santa Fe)

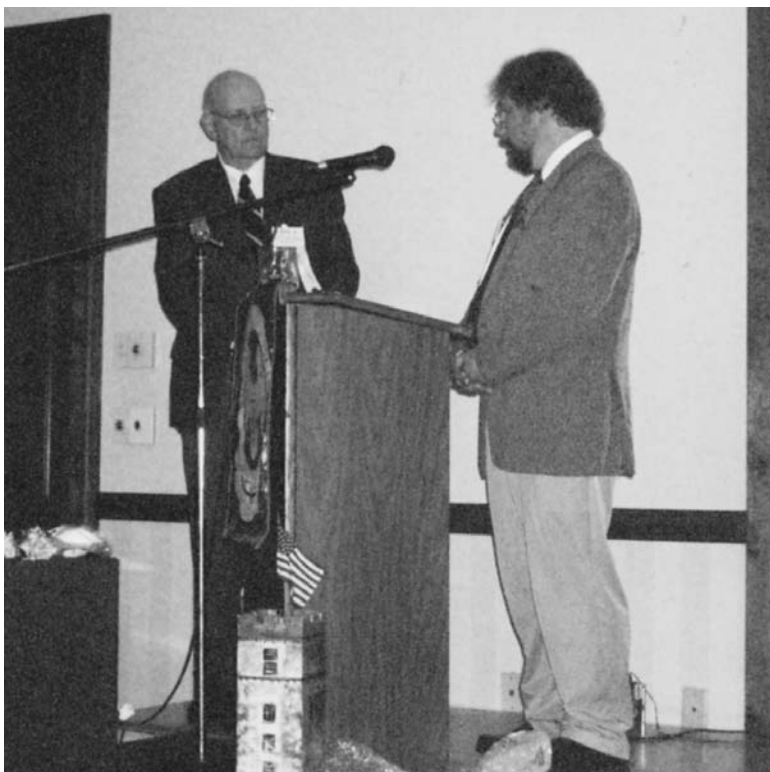
B. Nicholson, Snow, Ward earn AMA Alumni Medals

Three AMA Alumni Medals were awarded at Reunion 2007 – one to the first President of the AMA Alumni Association, one to the man who spent more time than any other to see the AMA Alumni/House Museum completed, and one to the alumnus who took it upon himself to get all the AMA yearbooks on line.

In 2004, **Bruce Nicholson, '62**, accepted the challenge to get our *Recalls* on line. So far, 18 yearbooks have been scanned and are on line while eight more have been partially scanned. He continues to solicit help in getting the rest done.

Terry Snow, '58, devoted himself to seeing the AMA Alumni House/Museum project through to the end. Sadly, in 1999 he had a stroke and he passed away this past April. Before he died, he was presented the medal in his hospice bed.

Parker Ward, '54, was the prime mover and first President of the AMA Alumni Association. Five months after the alumni association was formed in 1970, he was killed in the plane crash that took the lives of the Marshall College football team.



Terry Snow's son, Kevin, speaks about his father: *"I grew up hearing about AMA from my Dad. I talked with him his last night and what he wanted most of all was to come back to AMA one more time... Dad, I know you are up there watching and we are proud of you."* Medals Committee Chairman Bob Bradford, '50, made the presentation.



Parker Ward, Jr. read from his father's valedictory address where Parker, Senior said that the advice he got when he came to AMA was to *"work hard, seek counsel, keep your record clean, go out for sports and be truthful always."*



Bob Harris, '54, presents the AMA Alumni Medal to Terry Snow in Snow's hospice room on 12 March. Snow passed away on 6 April after having suffered a debilitating stroke in 1999. In recent months, his health began deteriorating rapidly and the Medals Committee voted unanimously to present Terry with the medal before the reunion. His stepfather, Don Brah, says that was the last time he saw Terry smile.

When discussions began about creating an AMA Alumni House and Museum... finding the right location was the first critical step.

Wise men decided that **Professor Roller's** house... built in the 1870's... would be the ideal location... right there in the center of the campus.

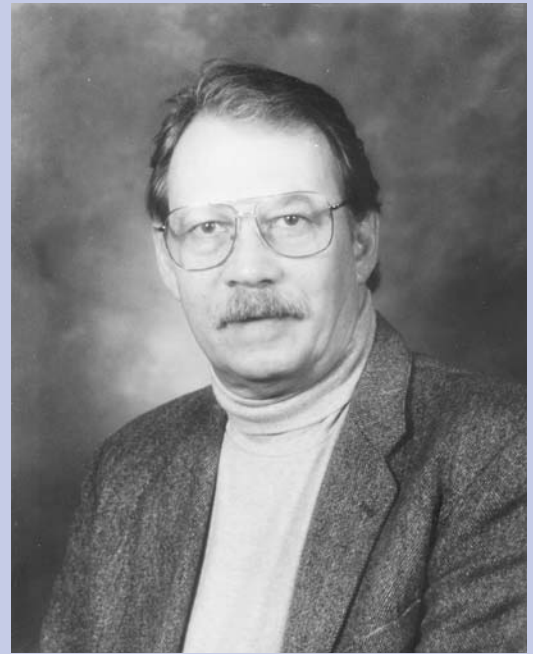
But the house was a shambles. It had been neglected since the school closed... and rainwater coursed down its main staircase. It took men with a lot of foresight to see how that ill kept structure could be turned into the gem you see today.

Terry Snow from the Class of 1958 had such foresight.

Together with **Duke Fancher** and **Goodloe Saunders**... Terry did the first drawings of what the museum might look like if a miracle could take place.

And Terry thought he knew where to look for that miracle.

He contacted Jon Cesafsky who had just overseen the renovation of Poplar Grove... Thomas Jefferson's house in Bedford. Jon came to Fort Defiance... and imbued with Terry's enthusiasm... agreed to see if he could turn the ugly duckling into a graceful swan.



Terry G. Snow
AMA, Class of 1958



From the 1958 Recall

As the work began... Terry was at the house constantly... making a suggestion here... and pointing out a problem there. He was on site more than any other alumnus... devoting countless hours to the planning and execution of the renovation... which in the end... produced that beautiful structure that you see today.

And as the project neared completion... Terry was making plans to move to Fort Defiance where he would volunteer to help manage the museum.

Then... in October of 1999... Terry... alone at home... had a severe stroke made worse by the fact that he was not treated until after he had been found many hours later.

Everyone hoped that he would improve... and Terry even sent word that he planned to be back for the 2000 reunion. But it was not to be.

Early this year... Terry was nominated to receive an AMA Alumni Medal... but his condition was deteriorating. The AMA Medals Committee met by e-mail and telephone and voted unanimously to award Terry a medal... and in March... Terry's friend... **Bob Harris**...

delivered the medal to Terry in his hospice bed in Lynchburg.

On 6 April... Terry passed away. He never made it back to see the results of his labors.

Terry's step-father - Don Brah - and his son - Kevin Graham Snow - attended the Awards Banquet. The 2007 AMA Alumni Medal was awarded to the late Terry Snow, '58... and was accepted by his son, Kevin.

For many years during General Roller's life, there was talk of the need for a strong alumni association. But it took until 1970 for our current alumni association to come into being.

Colonel Livick and some dedicated alumni met in North Carolina in 1969 to talk about creating an active AMA Alumni Association... and at an ~~Ad Astra~~ **Ad Astra** reunion in 1970 - 37 years ago - the decision to create an effective alumni association was made.

So much to do... Getting a mailing list together... raising money... planning reunions... **Mal Livick - Mickey Gordon - Tomme Gamewell - Frank Suter - Dave Conrad - Duke Fancher - Gray Hume - Bob Hume - T.C. Lea - Bill McClung - Ralph McGraw - John Young** - and **Colonel Sam Wales** - all were involved. And the obvious first need was to choose a leader.



**Parker L. Ward,
AMA, Class of 1954**



From the 1954 Recall

One name stood out over the rest. A 1954 graduate whose heart was closely tied to our wonderful school.

His name was **Parker Ward** from Huntington, West Virginia... elected as the first president of the newly created association.

Again - it was 1970 - the late spring of 1970. Plans were made... a newsletter came out... contributions began to come in... As fall came on... plans were being made in earnest for alumni functions. And then - the calm planning process was mutilated by tragedy.

Parker Ward not only loved Augusta - he loved Marshall College in his home town. And in the Fall of 1970... he boarded a plane to fly with the Marshall College football team to a game at East Carolina.

You know the rest of the story. On the return trip, that chartered plane with the Marshall football team... its coaches... trainers and supporters... including Parker... crashed on landing at Huntington killing all on board.

We have to say that every good thing that has happened with the alumni association since... is attributable in part to the dynamic foresight of Parker Ward.

Parker Ward, Junior came forward to receive the Alumni Medal in his father's name.

Virginia from page 15

important than the Old Dominion at our country's beginning - Yes, there was Washington and Jefferson - but there was also George Mason and Patrick Henry and Benjamin Harrison and the Lees and John Marshall and George Wythe. It must have been the hand of God who set such giants down in Old Virginia.

(Under, The Ovation and a very slow hummed version of Dixie)

Here in Virginia were fought so many battles of the great Civil War - two major battles at Manassas - Fredericksburg - Petersburg - The Wilderness - Spotsylvania - Cold Harbor - Chancellorsville - Seven Days - Port Republic near Harrisonburg - New Market just a few miles north where the brave VMI cadets fought - and Piedmont - just a cannon shot from where you are sitting today.

And Appomattox. And General Lee telling his men: 'Go to your homes and resume your occupations. Obey the laws and become as good citizens as you were soldiers.'

We have just come from the cemetery where we honored AMA's founder on the 100th anniversary of his death. And we also honor Robert E. Lee on this the 200th anniversary of his birth.

Lee, who promised with no pardon to be the model of reason and peace. R. T. Smith wrote that after the war... 'Lee knew he was a soldier of a different sort... and must learn to pen sentences elegant enough to shake pears from their branches... yet soften their fall.'

Two great Virginians linked by war and dedicated to recovery. After the war... leading boys to manhood... and emphasizing honor above all.

Surely, Lee was a mentor to Private Charles S. Roller during the Civil War. And after the war... both men devoted the rest of their lives to education. Helping to rebuild and rededicate a splintered nation. And Charles Roller committed himself to doing exactly what Robert E. Lee had suggested - to be as good a citizen as he was a soldier.

Soon after the Civil War... a black man named James Bland wrote a song about this state. He wrote it at a

time when newly freed slaves were struggling to find work. Today... the song is politically incorrect... but it is historically accurate. And until 1997... ten years ago... this was the Virginia State song.

(Staunton Ovation:

Carry Me Back to Old Virginny)

Next week... Queen Elizabeth the Second comes to Jamestown on a modern jet... not in a tiny boat bobbing about on the great grey sea. Their trip took four months. Hers will take but a few hours.

From the moment that the Englishmen first set foot on this new land... to the moment of tragedy in Blacksburg less than two weeks ago... our commonwealth has shown the World what we are made of. As we look back on all of Virginia's glorious history... so do we look ahead at her brilliant future.

A future many will chart here in the shadow of the Blue Ridge.

(Staunton Ovation,

In the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia)

Hard worker wins

Those who attended Reunion 2007 were asked to fill out evaluation forms letting the planners of Reunion 2008 know what they liked and disliked. To encourage participation, a \$50 VISA gift card was offered and a drawing was held on 15 May to determine the winner.

That winner was **Ben Zinkhan, '60**, one of the hardest workers and most loyal volunteers. Congratulations, Ben, and thank you one more time for all you do. Ben had a physical problem that kept him from participating in many of the reunion activities and we missed seeing his smiling face.

Speaking of hard workers like Ben in the story above, there are three other fellows who keep the museum open from 10 AM 'til 4 PM, Tuesday through Friday - **Don Studer, Joe Josephson and Goodloe Saunders, '57**. These four are glad to contribute their time on these week days but would like to have Saturday and Sunday off. Won't YOU volunteer on a Saturday or Sunday? You'll enjoy it and that is a guarantee. Please phone 540/248-3007 if you can help out.



PRESENTATION - Ed Chauncey, '49, put together a beautiful picture to present to the 2007 Roller Rifles. Photographs of the 2006 Rifles were expertly encased in one of Ed's best frames and now hang in the AMA Museum.

Luckily, there was a doctor in the house

Rex Rumley, '69, came to Reunion 2007 with his wife, Rose, their son, James, and daughter, Robin, 18.

On Friday evening, Robin became ill and on Saturday morning, Rose took Robin to the Emergency Medical Center only to find it closed because they were installing new carpets!

Rex then came into the alumni membership meeting to ask if there was a doctor present. There was - **Dr. George "Boots" Solan, '43**. Dr. Solan examined Robin and diagnosed pleurisy, advising the Rumleys to take Robin to the nearest emergency room. There, she was diagnosed as having a "stomach virus" and given some medication. She felt better for a while but was taken ill again when she got home to Columbus, Ohio. So, again, Robin went to an emergency room where she was diagnosed with - you guessed it - pleurisy. "Dr. Solan came immediately to our rescue," says Rex. "We really appreciate what he did."

Rumley also reported that his son, James, is more determined now than ever "to become a Marine after he heard and talked with **Colonel Larry Nicholson** about the Marine Corps."

Castro revolutionary**Gustavo Villoldo, '49,
says he secretly buried
Che Guevara in Bolivia**

On an October night in 1967, outside Vallegrande in Bolivia, **Gustavo Villoldo, '49**, says he and three others buried the body of Cuban Communist revolutionary Che Guevara. Before Guevara was dropped into a common grave, Villoldo took a lock of Che's hair and scribbled down the exact geographical coordinates of the grave site.

**Villoldo**

Until now, Fidel Castro has claimed that Guevara's body is in a mausoleum in

Havana, but Villoldo says a DNA test on the lock of hair will prove that the body is in Bolivia, not Cuba. To confirm Villoldo's story, he will need the cooperation of Che's relatives to compare DNA and that of both the Cuban and Bolivian governments to examine Che's supposed remains. That is unlikely but it has fanned the flames of the controversy that began in 1995 when the Cuban government claimed it had located Che's bones and had returned them to Havana. Villoldo says that the thousands of people who make annual pilgrimages

to Santa Clara to see Che's "tomb" are being hoodwinked by the Castro government.

After Castro came to power, he and Che tried to export Marxism to other parts of the world. Villoldo, a Bay of Pigs and U.S. Army Vietnam veteran, was recruited by the CIA to help hunt down Guevara in the Congo. Che escaped but resurfaced in Bolivia still trying to foment trouble. Villoldo and three other Cuban exiles were led through the Bolivian jungle by U.S. trained Bolivian army rangers. On 8 October 1967, Che was wounded in a gun battle and later executed on order from Bolivian President Barrientos.

Villoldo, who lives in Dade County, Florida, calls Guevara "a cold-blooded killer" for ordering the executions of hundreds of Cubans and he also harbors a personal score: he holds Castro and Guevara responsible for the suicide of his father. Says, he, "I cannot understand these kids who think that Che is someone to admire. He was a monster."

After Castro came to power in 1959, he and Che began to dismantle all traces of capitalism. One of their main targets was a General Motors distributorship owned by Villoldo's father. Che announced that the company would be seized which meant financial ruin for the senior Villoldo who, three weeks later, swallowed a bottle of sleeping pills. Gustavo fled Cuba and headed for Miami where he joined Brigade 2506, taking part in the failed Bay of Pigs invasion.

He later became an Army officer and was recruited to work for the CIA.

Villoldo says that he is one of only four men who know where Che is buried. The Miami *Herald* reports that unclassified CIA documents confirm Villoldo's involvement in Guevara's end. They ran a story in 1997 but that was before Villoldo revealed that he had a lock of Che's hair, kept wrapped in a piece of yellowed paper.

A Cuban anthropological team recovered the bones which they said were Guevara's from an unmarked grave in Bolivia. "But," says Villoldo, "they said they found Che's bones with six other men. We buried three men in that pit, not six, so I think they found another grave with some executed guerrillas in it." Villoldo says that he and his cohorts sneaked Che's body out of an improvised morgue in Vallegrande where the news media had gathered.

Disposing of Che's body to keep Castro from recovering it became Villoldo's problem and he says that he and three



This picture from Villoldo's photo album shows Che Guevara's body being carried after the communist rebel was killed by the Bolivian army in October 1967.

Bolivians buried Guevarra in an airstrip that was under construction. According to Villoldo, about 2 AM on 11 October 1967, the bodies of Che and two of his henchmen – "Chino" and "Cuba" – were taken from the morgue and dropped into a waiting trench. A loader then covered up the site and Villoldo wrote down the coordinates. Gustavo says he will give the coordinates to members of Che's family, "but not Castro."

In February of this year, a Spanish-Mexican magazine alleged that the story of the discovery of Che's bones was a Castro propaganda stunt on the 30th anniversary of Che's death.

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VIRGINIA WAR MEMORIAL
See story on page 29**

Right, GOODLOE SAUNDERS, '57, was surprised at the Awards Banquet when he was called forward to receive a plaque for his service to AMA. President Granger talked about Saunders' service as President of the AMA Alumni Association and his role as Chairman of the AMA Foundation, giving him credit for getting the museum project from the idea stage to reality and for creating the Roller Society to enable AMA alumni and friends to arrange planned giving. Laughing, Goodloe said that *"Ben Zinkhan must not have known about this because he would never have been able to keep the secret."*



Left, TAKING A DEEP BREATH at the Thursday night reception before the big reunion weekend began in earnest. It was one of the last times before these four (plus one) would be all consumed with work, work, work so that others could enjoy the weekend. L. to r., Bev (Mrs. Frank) Williamson, Luke Snyder, '60, the Reunion Chairman, Frank Williamson, '60, AMA Alumni Foundation Chairman, and Museum administrator Dana Davidson. Missing was Anne Snyder, Luke's lovely lady, who did more than her share to see that Reunion 2007 was the huge success that it was.

Right, LEADERSHIP FROM 1967. Lined up just as they were in the 1967 *Recall*, the top officers in the 1966-67 Corps of Cadets stand outside the Hospitality Tent at Reunion 2007. L. to r., Brock Wagner, the Battalion Executive Officer from Boca Raton, Florida; the Battalion Adjutant John Botcheller from Seoul, Korea, and the Battalion Commander Charlie Smith from Prospect, Kentucky. The Class of '67 had 22 classmates back for their 40th anniversary reunion.



Were you a day student at AMA?

Were you a Day Student at Augusta? We have often heard that the experiences of the Day Boys was quite different from that of the cadets who lived in barracks.

Did you just come to classes and not eat any meals in the Mess Hall? Did you participate in close order drill on weekdays? How about Monday morning inspection?

Did you march in Sunday parades? Did you march in the Apple Blossom Festival in Winchester and in other area parades? Were you on the AMA campus for the annual GI – Government Inspection?

If you needed help with your studies in the evenings, how did you get that assistance?

We all recognize that the Day Boys were very important to the school and hope to tell their story. If you were a Day Boy at AMA, please let us hear from you. Tell us some of your experiences, the good, the bad and the ugly!

E-mail: AMABayonet@aol.com. Or send a letter to: *The Bayonet*, 12 Woodside Drive, Danville, CA 94506. FAX: 925/736-8657.

Sports Hall of Fame nominees sought

Nominees for the Augusta Military Academy Sports Hall of Fame are being sought with the first inductees to be honored at the reunion in 2008.

The Hall of Fame Committee seeks the names of those who starred in an AMA sport or made a name for themselves after they had left AMA. Players, coaches, sports writers and others are eligible to be nominated.

The sports played at AMA included baseball, basketball, boxing, cavalry, cross country, fencing, football, golf, lacrosse, rifle, rugby, soccer, swimming, tennis, track and field, and wrestling.

The selection committee includes alumni and coaches from the 1930's until the school closed. **Colonel Mal Livick** and **Sergeants Joe Josephson** and **Don Studer** represent AMA's coaches. The alumni members are **Julian Quarles**, '35, **Ernest Click**, '48, **Roger Messick**, '52, **Jim Stillwagon**, '67, **Garry Granger**, '71, and **Chris Meek**, '84.

Stillwagon is chairman of the committee and says, "We need the recommendations of alumni and faculty who will remember the fellows who performed well, set records at Augusta and went on to success in college and/or professional sports."

Membership is open to former cadets and faculty with separate divisions for coaches, players and sports writers. Nominations should be sent to: Sports Hall of Fame, c/o *The Bayonet*, 12 Woodside Drive, Danville, CA 94506.



A well deserved surprise

The tables were turned on AMA Alumni Association President **Garry Granger**, '71, when Alumni Foundation Chairman **Frank Williamson**, '60, presented Granger with a genuine Confederate sabre during the Awards Banquet at the reunion. Citing the pleasure it has been working with Granger in the six years he has headed the alumni association, Williamson reported that **Ed Chauncey**, '49, is making a shadow box for the sabre so that it can be hung and viewed. The sabre is inscribed with Granger's name and the dates of his presidency.

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28 April 2007

Front row: Dave Gentry, '77, Karl Halemau, '71, Lewie Kennett, '72, Mike Kidd, '72, Steve Traylor, '72, Hampton Foley, '55, Jorge Rovirosa, '70, Gary Gertz, '75, and Richard Whitaker, '72. Second row: Doug Pennock, '72, Sergeant Don Studer, Ron "Scootch" Melcher, '71, Brian Miller, '67, Al Zayas, '72, Steve Reech, '84, and Tom Forrer, '67. Third row: Tom DeValle, '72, Blaine Clarke, '72, and Thom McCabe, '74. Last row: Scott Rosensteen, '71, Willis Walker '71, Bruce Walling, '75, Chris Meek, '84, Colonel Larry Nicholson, Joe Garry, '72, Jim Mitchell, '76, Garry Cripps, '71, Brett Thompson, '75, Rick Small, '67, and Billy Morales, '73



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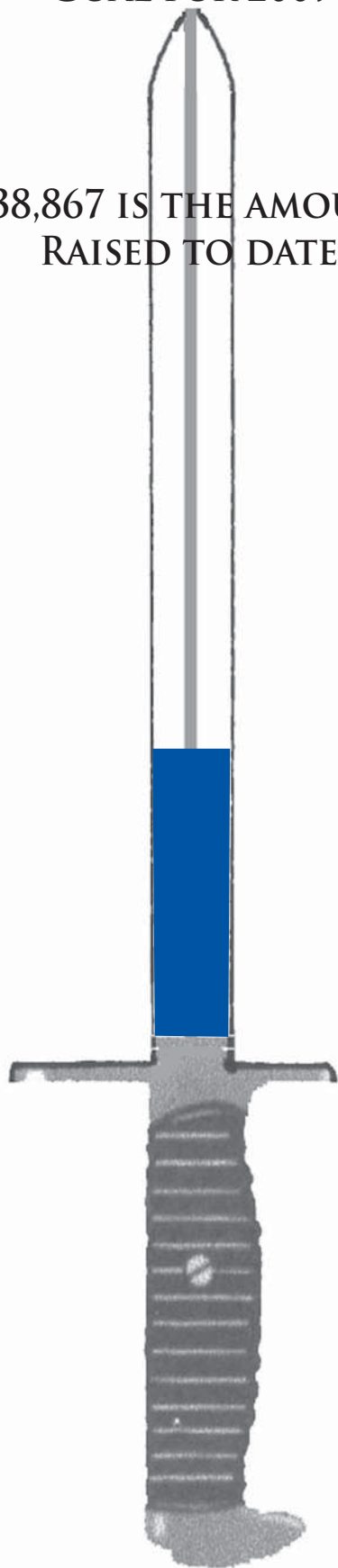
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ASK ANYONE WHO TOOK PART - OUR FIRST EVER CASINO NIGHT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS! EVERYONE SAID THAT THEY HAD A GRAND TIME AND WE MADE SOME MONEY TOO - A JOYOUS COMBINATION!

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AMA Alumni Association / Foundation
Treasurer's Summary Report
April 30, 2007

ASSOCIATION:

Association Current Assets:

Total Beginning Current Assets		\$3,580.51
Total Donations/Receipts (including R07, PX, CC Donations	\$46,792.08	
Transfer to Foundation	-\$22,958.05	
Expenses (R07, PX, Bank Charges)	-\$26,077.99	
Association total current assets balance 4/30/07		<u>\$1,336.55</u>

(This account is used for the reunion, PX and associated activities)

FOUNDATION:

Foundation Current Assets:

Beginning Balances as of 1/1/07:		
Foundation Checking Account	\$1,727.09	
Planters Money Market Account	\$25,148.02	
Raymond James Fund	\$233,992.91	
Planters Bank CD's	\$16,206.48	
TOTAL BEGINNING CURRENT ASSETS		\$277,074.50

DONATIONS / INCOME

Total Donations / Receipts	\$36,866.57	
Raymond James Income (Unrealized Gain)	\$10,554.60	
CD Interest Income	\$181.00	
TOTAL DONATIONS / INCOME		\$47,602.17

EXPENSES

Wages , Taxes	-\$11,864.75	
House Expenses (Rent, Elec, Gas, Phone, Supplies)	-\$5,957.90	
Scholarships (1/2 Legacy)	-\$4,500.00	
Bayonet (includes Printing & Postage)	-\$12,930.19	
Commission Expense (Raymond James)	-\$2,031.58	
TOTAL EXPENSES		-\$37,284.42

TRANSFER FROM ASSOCIATION

\$22,958.05

(Donations, PX excess, R07)

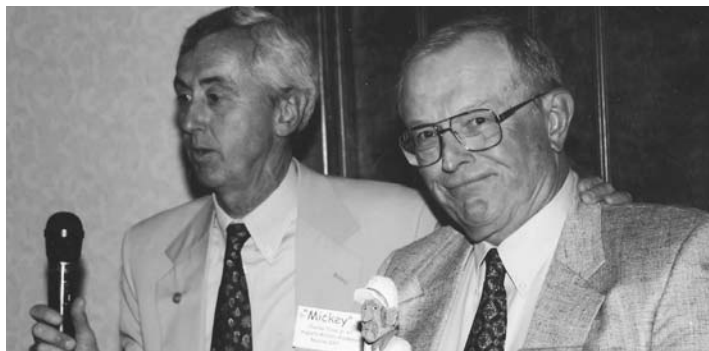
Ending Balances as of 4/30/07:

Foundation Checking Account	\$6,198.87	
Planters Money Market Account	\$43,224.95 *	
Raymond James Fund	\$260,263.68 **	
Planters Bank CD's	\$0.00 **	
Total Ending Current Assets		<u>\$309,687.50</u>

*\$20K transfer from Association
deposited to Money Market Acct

** CD's were cashed in and rolled
into Raymond James account on
March 21, 2007

Updated 5/16/07



GOLF WINNERS - Mickey Toms, '67, Chairman of the AMA Golf Open, with AMA Friend Chuck Foley, an alumnus of Missouri Military Academy. They are presenting the trophy for the best foursome in this year's reunion, a trophy donated two years ago by Foley.

The year Professor Roller died

It was 100 years ago in 1907. Here are some statistics from that year:

- + The average life expectancy was age 47.
- + Only 14 per cent of U.S. homes had bathtubs.
- + Only eight per cent of homes had a telephone.
- + A three minute phone call from Denver to New York cost \$11 – and that was in 1907 money!
- + There were only 8,000 automobiles in the U.S. and just 144 miles of paved roads. The maximum speed limit in most cities was ten miles per hour.
- + Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa and Tennessee each were more heavily populated than California.
- + The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.
- + Average U.S. wages were 22 cents an hour.
- + The average U.S. worker made \$325 a year while an accountant might earn \$2,000 a year, a dentist \$2,500 and a mechanical engineer, \$5,000 a year.
- + More than 95 per cent of all births took place at home.
- + Sugar was four cents a pound, eggs, 14 cents a dozen and coffee, 15 cents a pound.
- + Most women washed their hair only once a month using borax or egg yolks for shampoo.
- + The five leading causes of death in 1907 were:
 1. Pneumonia and influenza
 2. Tuberculosis
 3. Diarrhea
 4. Heart disease
 5. Stroke
- + The population of Las Vegas was 30.
- + Marijuana, heroin and morphine were all available over the counter at drug stores.
- + Eighteen per cent of households in the U.S. had at least one full time servant or domestic.
- + There were just 230 reported murders in all of the United States in 1907.

What would Professor Roller think of 2007, do you think?

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Jeff Schroeder, '67, has offered to help the AMA alumni organizations with financial matters and needed CPA services including the timely filing of tax returns. **President Granger** says, "We are delighted that Jeff has offered this invaluable assistance. It will save us money while guaranteeing that our financial house remains in order." Jeff lives in Longwood, Florida.

Thank you !

We have heard it over and over – *Reunion 2007 was the best reunion ever!* We have heard it so often that we have come to believe it! But as **President Garry Granger, '71**, said at the reunion: *"When things seem to work out effortlessly... it is because a lot of hard work by our volunteers has made it seem effortless."* Here we acknowledge in a totally unsatisfactory way those who made Reunion 2007 a weekend to remember: Dave Conrad, '59, and Carol Drake for managing the PX and for making the Silent Auction another financial success – Bobbie and Ed Chauncey, '49, for all they did plus the donation of so many valuable gifts to the Silent Auction – Tom DelValle, '73, for donating the American Airline tickets which guaranteed success at the auction – Anne and Luke Snyder, '60, the chairman and chairlady of Reunion 2007 – Bev and Frank Williamson, '60, for all they did to keep the train on the tracks and for hosting the trip to Richmond – Bev and Anne for all the hard work they did getting ready for and implementing Casino Night – Brock Nicely from SMA and the Palmetto Sharp Shooters Regiment, CSA for arranging for the Confederate reenactors from the First Kentucky Infantry, CSA to take part in our Founder's Day – Buster Sexton for his role as the young Professor Roller – Margaret Helms and the Stonewall Brigade Brass Band for performing at Founder's Day – Vick Diehl of the Staunton Artillery, CSA for the cannon in the cemetery – Ray Hoaster and the Staunton Ovation for performing at the Saturday luncheon salute to Virginia – Lee Livick Hahn for delivering the family message at Founder's Day – Trae Livick for helping with the Founder's Day ceremonies – Bruce Hemp for her all round help and for hosting breakfast for the Roller Riders – Steve Traylor, '72, for pulling together the Roller Rifles and making us all stand proud – Keith Traylor, '80, for being everywhere at once and helping anyone with anything that needed doing – Blaine Clarke, '72, Brett Thompson, '75, Willis Walker, '72, Scott Rosenstein, '71, and Rick Whitaker, '72, for composing a sharp looking AMA Color Guard – The drummers who kept them all in step – Tommy Simmons, '53, for doing such a great job behind the bar – Stephanie Clinton and all of the Holiday Inn staff for their help with some new ideas – Mickey Toms, '67, for herding the golfers around Ingleside – Ben Zinkhan, '60, who worked through pain to assure a good reunion – Joe Josephson and Don Studer for their expert advice and assistance – Dana Davidson and her Greg who had a million things to do and did them all well – Reverend Greg Douglas, our landlord, for being so very gracious – Massanutten Military Academy Drill Team and Sergeant Major Jim Helms for their exhibition drill and the knockout drill that followed – The Intermont Military Vehicle Club from Stuart's Draft for the fascinating military equipment there on the black top for all to see – Colonel, soon to be general, Larry Nicholson, '75, and Debbie, not only for his stirring lunchtime message but for being



there for every minute of the reunion – Bruce Strange, '72, a professional photographer responsible for some of the wonderful photos in this issue – Rod Willey, '51, for planning and executing the Thursday night reception at the Staunton Country Club and arranging for the caterers at the Saturday lunch – Marcus Sensabaugh for videotaping the reunion weekend – Sherry Lilley for lending her beautiful voice to the occasion – Chaplain Frank Spencer, '49, who was always ready to seek the Lord's blessing – Chuck Foley and Colonel Paul Gillette for representing Missouri Military Academy so very well – Captain Christopher Newport, played by Ron Ferqueron, who welcomed us all to Virginia's on the Commonwealth's 400th birthday – George Holt, '60, for use of his PA system – Victor Gomez, '69, for taking literally hundreds of pictures, many of which are in this issue, and for helping with the PX – The South Florida alumni including Al Zayas, '72, Manuel Balbis, '53, Ozzie Ferro, '53 and Jorge Roviroso, '70, who are planning the next AMA Cruise and who cooked Cuban style food outside the Hospitality Tent – Blaine Clarke, '72, Clyde Ramsey, '49, and Luke Snyder, '60, for underwriting the costs of a very successful first ever Casino Night – Senator Richard Chichester, '55, the President *pro tem* of the Virginia State Senate, for arranging a tour of the House of Delegates Chamber where Queen Elizabeth spoke just four days later – Mark Greenough, the head docent at the Virginia State Capitol Building – Susan Scharr, the Clerk of the Virginia State Senate – Gary Edwards and the staff of Richmond's 2300 Club for the fantastic lunch served in Richmond – Joe Massino of Massino's Casinos who guided us through our first Casino Night – Blaine Clarke, '72, Rick Smail, '67, Steve Traylor, '72, and Doug Pennock, '72, for coming on the AMA Alumni Association Board – Ed Click, '50, for agreeing to take the treasurer position – Chris Meek, '84, for his professional handling of the AMA Legacy Scholarship winners – Jeff Schroeder, '67, for volunteering to help the AMA Foundation as a CPA consultant – Goodloe Saunders, '57, for his behind the scenes work to make the reunion a success – Chuck Williams of Raymond James who manages the Foundation's portfolio – Ingleside for helping arrange the 2007 AMA Open – Everyone who tried their hand at Casino Night learning that it was just a helluva lot of fun – Jim Hash, '72, for his eloquent toast to AMA's KIAs from Korea and Vietnam – Colonel Mal and Linda Livick who graced our program with their presence – Bob Hume, '63, for providing the beautiful motor coach for the Friday trip to Richmond – Gordon Metz, '68, for his stirring endorsement of the Roller Society – Blaine Clarke, '72, for managing the annual sporting clay shoot – John Botcheller, '67, and Nancy for coming all the way from Seoul, Korea to be with their family and AMA friends and for their very generous contribution – The following people and companies who were table sponsors for Casino Night: Roger Messick, '52, Tommy Clements, '50, Tom Buchanan, '72, Jim Mitchell, '76, Al Zayas, '72, Brandi Simmons, Bob Masincup, Chuck Williams at Raymond James, Safeway, Inc, Dreyer's/Edy's Grand Ice Cream, Mid Valley Press, Taylor Rentals – Ambassador John Shirley, '49, for his presence – Ray Hoaster for playing Taps – The Roller Rifles for coming to the aid of the volunteers when we had nearly 100 more people show up for lunch than we had chairs – The people at the lunch who helped break down the tables which enabled all our volunteers to finish much sooner – Nicky Syropoulos, '69, for helping round up the booze – and most of all – thanks to you who came and enjoyed the weekend !

Doc was her mentor

Yearbook advisor credits Savedge with successes

Martha Akers says, *"Don't settle for less than your best."* As a yearbook adviser herself, she attributes all of her successes to **Colonel Charles Savedge**, AMA's peripatetic yearbook czar.

Ms. Akers has taught at Loudoun Valley High School in Purcellville (VA) for the past 28 years. When she applied for her job, she wrote on her resume that she wanted to teach photo journalism. She was hired and immediately given the job of yearbook adviser.

Since then, Akers was inducted into the National Scholastic Journalism Hall of Fame. She and her students have won two consecutive Virginia High School League Trophies and three Charles E. Savedge Awards.

"No other Virginia high school has three Savedge Awards which are bestowed after five consecutive VHSL trophies are earned," she says. The Savedge Awards are very special to her since she first met the colonel at a yearbook workshop when she was in the eighth grade. She attended his workshops all through high school and paid the fee to attend as a college student. Their friendship lasted the rest of Doc's life.

Now, Akers spends part of each summer teaching students and yearbook advisers from other states, just as Doc Savedge did all those years as he traveled the U.S. and Canada challenging high school students to never settle for less than their best. Truly, a Savedge student!

University of South Carolina offers Savedge Scholarship

The University of South Carolina School of Journalism and Mass Communications offers annually a **C. E. (Chuck) Savedge** Scholarship which is awarded at the Southern Interscholastic Press Association (SIPA) Convention. There also are two Savedge Fellowships which entitle high school yearbook advisers with zero to three years' experience to attend the Carolina Journalism Institute summer program.

SIPA was formerly headquartered at Washington and Lee's Journalism School. Savedge was a W&L graduate.

The scholarship goes to a student in the USC School of Journalism who is a member of the USC yearbook staff.

Doc Savedge not only was the godfather of the *AMA Recall* – he traveled around the United States and Canada teaching high school faculty and students how to create prize winning yearbooks.

Thanks to George Mineff, '77, a USC graduate, for this story.



**Doc Savedge from
the 1970 Recall**



Gary Nicholson, '70, honored

Gary Nicholson, '70 – Mister Reunion – has been honored by the Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center in Staunton with the dedication of a room to his memory.

The third floor hospitality and PX/Silent Auction display room at the hotel was the headquarters for Nicholson who, with his wife, Susan, was the first to arrive at every reunion and the last to leave. Each year, Gary made all the arrangements with the hotel to insure a smooth reunion weekend.

In a statement, Susan Nicholson said, *"Over the years, Gary put his heart, soul and passion into everything for AMA. Not a day would go by that he wasn't working on new ideas for the PX or something for the museum and always – the reunion. All the years and memories of working with my beloved husband are still too fresh for our daughters and me... but we'll see everyone next year."*

Gary Nicholson died on 4 April 2007.

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Have you wished that your son or grandson could have attended Augusta?

If you are like most AMA alumni, you long nourished the hope that your son, grandson or even great-grandson would be able to have the experiences that Augusta Military Academy afforded you.

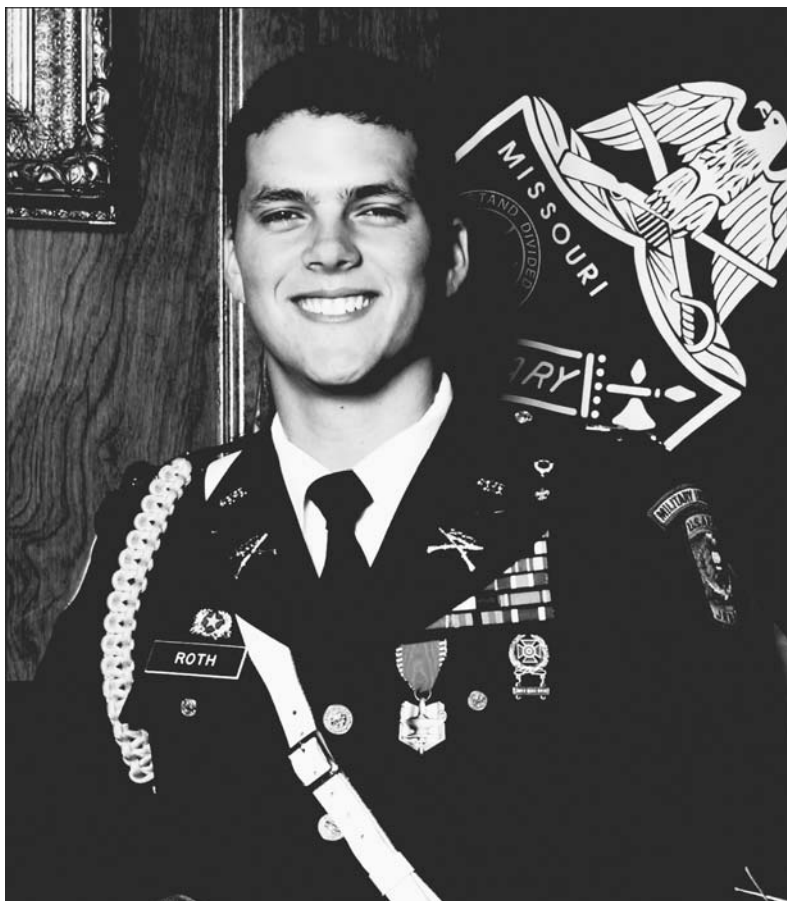
Augusta is gone, but the AMA experience can be found at Missouri Military Academy. MMA was founded by a Virginian who, like AMA founder Charles Roller, was a Civil War veteran. The academic, athletic and military excellence that was Augusta's hallmark lives on at Missouri Military Academy!

Missouri Military Academy, one of America's leading prep schools, has served students from all over the U.S. and a dozen foreign countries since 1889. MMA is progressive and dynamic, steeped in traditions, and is committed to its core values.

MMA has been designated by the US Department of Education as one of the nations Exemplary Private Schools. MMA emphasizes solid academic performance and attention to the individual student with a low student/teacher ratio. It offers supportive faculty, state-of-the-art facilities, challenging programs and a positive environment that inspires young men to reach their full potential.

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MMA grants \$5,000 scholarships to the male descendants of AMA alumni! Missouri Military Academy is an all-male boarding school for students in



"Missouri Military Academy made a big difference in my life. I am off at college now, but the lessons of attention to detail, promptness and the good study habits I learned at MMA have stuck. Thank you, MMA!" -- Sanders Roth, 2004

grades 6-12. Located in Mexico, Missouri, MMA offers the Augusta experience on a beautiful, 288-acre campus.



Families with need beyond the \$5,000 AMA legacy scholarship may apply for additional assistance through the MMA Financial Aid Office.

You owe it to your child or grandchildren to get more information about Missouri Military Academy. For a viewbook, call (573) 581-1776 or go online to www.MMA-Cadet.org

The AMA SPORTS HALL OF FAME

An AMA SPORTS HALL OF FAME will be announced just before the 2008 reunion with those named to be honored at Reunion 2008. We are looking for nominations from every sport ever played at Augusta: baseball, basketball, boxing, cavalry, cross country, fencing, football, golf, lacrosse, rifle, rugby, soccer, swimming, tennis, track and field, and wrestling.

Who do you remember as a star in one or more of these sports at AMA, or after?

Who were the best coaches at AMA, and after?

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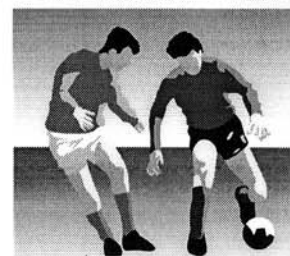
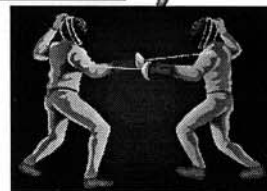
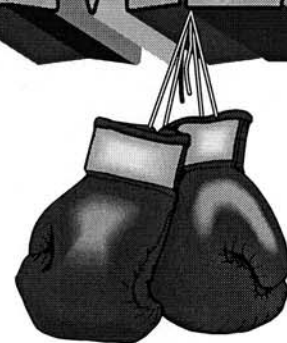
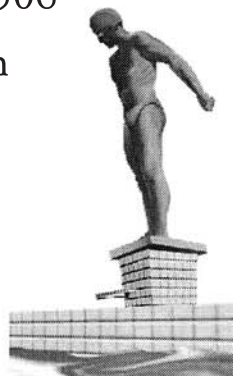
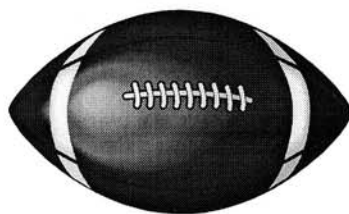
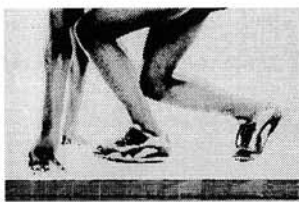
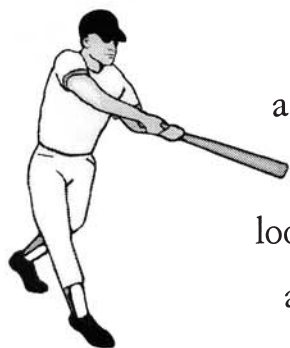
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Saw WWII and Korean action

Admiral Joe Yon, '30, passes away at 95

Rear Admiral Joseph L. Yon, '30, whose ship was torpedoed during World War Two and who served as chief of surgery on a hospital ship during the Korean War, died 10 February 2007 in Chesapeake. He was 95.

Yon graduated from VMI and received his medical degree from the University of Virginia in 1937. He was commissioned in the Navy as a lieutenant junior grade in 1938 and served aboard ship at various Naval hospitals during his 34 years on active duty.

He was the medical officer on the *USS Pecos* (AO-19) which was torpedoed and sunk on 1 February 1942 while engaged in the withdrawal of the



Rear Admiral Yon

Atlantic fleet to Java. He and the other survivors spent eight hours in shark infested waters before being rescued and taken to Australia. He received a Purple Heart for wounds he received in the sinking of the *Pecos*.

After a year of duty ashore, Yon was involved with the commissioning of the Bethesda Naval Hospital before returning to the Pacific Theater as chief medical officer on the *USS Miami* where he served during the Marianas Campaign and six other actions until the end

of the war in September 1945. In the Korean War, Yon was chief of surgery aboard the hospital ship *USS Consolation* off the coast of Inchon.

He completed a residency in thoracic surgery at Northwestern University and the Cook County Hospital in 1949 and commanded Naval Hospitals at Newport, RI, St. Albans, NY, and the Naval Hospital at Portsmouth before his retirement in 1972.

Admiral Yon received the Legion of Merit, the Secretary of the Navy Commendation with pendant, the American Defense Medal with star, the Asian Pacific Campaign Medal with seven stars, the National Defense Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the Korean Campaign Medal, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two stars and the Korean Presidential Unit Citation in addition to his Purple Heart.

After his military service, Yon took the lead in developing

an Eastern Virginia Medical School. He served on the Board of Visitors for Old Dominion University from 1975 until 1979. The Yon Student Health Center bears his name. He was Chairman of the Chesapeake Hospital Authority during a crucial time of the hospital's development. Yon served on the Board of the Virginia Hospital Association and on the Board of Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

Yon was a skilled cabinetmaker and an excellent skeet shooter breaking 260 consecutive clay pigeons in one match. An avid golfer, he played with a 16 handicap and celebrated his 90th birthday with a ride on his motorcycle.

He is survived by his daughter, Sallie Yon Williams, six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his brother ~~Ad Astra~~ **Charles Yon, '29**, his wife of 70 years, Sallie Haden Yon, and two sons, Dr. Joseph Yon, Jr. and Dandridge H. Yon, Jr.

At AMA, Yon was a lieutenant in Band Company, a member of the YMCA and the Senior Literary Society, on the fencing and swimming teams, and in the Cadet Orchestra, the Golf Club, Red Wiley's Gang and the Stuart Hall Club.

Warren Fleming, '72, is Humanitarian of the Year

Warren Fleming, '72, is CEO and President of Quality Solution Technologies, a business he started in 1996 in Montgomery County, Maryland. That county has just honored Warren for his volunteer work by naming him the Humanitarian of the Year at the annual Martin Luther King Day.

Reverend Chris Yim of the Neelsville Presbyterian Church in Germantown, where Fleming is a deacon, has said, "*Warren is one of those people in the faith community who is really a backbone. He is the kind of person everyone would like to have in his or her community.*"

Fleming is a member of the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission, the Vice President of the Damascus Heritage Society, and is President of the Damascus Connection. He says he feels comfortable working with the political process "*because of my time at Augusta Military Academy. I learned about Anglo-Saxon ways and how they were as a people. When I wore my AMA uniform, I was treated as an equal by my classmates while without my uniform I had different treatment as an African American in the 1970's.*" To demonstrate AMA's importance in their lives, Warren and five other African-Americans first volunteered to man the AMA Museum during Black History month (February) of 2006. In February of this year, they were back again demonstrating in a very real way their appreciation for what AMA meant and means to them.



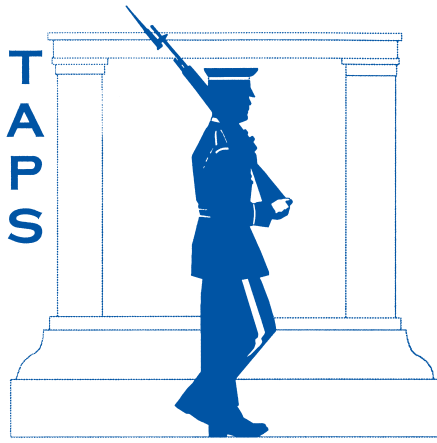
Warren Fleming is proud to display his Humanitarian of the Year Award.



Joseph Yon, 1930 Recall



Admiral Yon on a visit to the AMA Museum in 2001.



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James Malcolm O'Hara, '39

14 July 2006, in Yorktown, VA. Advocate of historic preservation particularly in the Yorktown area. In WW II, captain in the US Army stationed in The Philippines. Graduate, Christopher Newport College. President, County City Supply Corporation and co-developer with his father of Marlbank Farm, a residential community in Yorktown. Survived by his wife of 64 years, Sarah; three daughters, Sarah, Lucy and Mary; eight grandchildren.

Walter C. Gottlieb, '41

6 March 2007, in Squirrel Hill, Pittsburgh, cancer, 81. World War II service in the US Navy aboard the *USS Halsey Powell*. Championship swimmer. Attended AMA on a swimming scholarship. Founding member of the Parkway Jewish Center in Wilkins, PA. Traveling salesman, a job from which he never retired. Survived by his wife, Jennia; sons, Dr. Daniel Gottlieb and Dr. Sidney Gottlieb, both of Atlanta; a daughter, Sharen Gottlieb Scherger of Deltona, FL; two stepsons, Julian and Howard Elding; five grandchildren and four stepgrandchildren. Did not complete the first year at Augusta.

William Thomas Aldrich, '48

5 March 2007, of pneumonia, at home in Houston, 75. West Virginia University, B.S. in business administration and a year in law school. Phi Delta Phi Honor Society. US Army, 1st lieutenant, infantry. His father's illness brought him home to Charleston, WV where he became a licensed insurance broker. The Berlin Crisis in 1961-62 saw him called back to active duty as an intelligence officer with NSA. At the time of the Cuban Missile Crisis, he earned a Distinguished Service Medal. Joined Union Carbide as a project manager in The Bahamas. Oversaw construction of a marine terminal in Florida and a terminal facility in Houston. Helped to develop an ecologically positive non-wood railroad crosstie, (See *Bayonet*, Summer, 2004). One of the founding members of Covenant Bible Study Class. Survived by his wife of 53 years, Natalie; two children, Jeffrey Brooks Aldrich of Cape Town, South Africa and Amy Norman of Charlotte, NC; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brother **Edwin Aldrich, '39**, who came back to serve in AMA's military department. At AMA: Captain, Company E; editor, *Recall*; staff, *The Bayonet*; Roller Rifles; AMA Debating Society; fencing; *Ad Astra per Aspera*.

John Richmond Carter, '49

14 May 2007, age 72. Following AMA, went into the US Navy for two years, then came back and graduated from William and Mary in 1960 with a BS in the arts and sciences. Insurance broker in Williamsburg. Survived by his wife, Nina Briggs Carter; daughters Mary Lou Carter and Catherine Carter Huff; a son, John Richmond Carter, Jr.; three grandchildren; a brother, James Carter; a sister Anne Comier Denieul of Paris, France. Reported by **Lewis Munding, '53**.

Terry Graham Snow, '58

6 April 2007, at The Carrington in Lynchburg, 67. When the AMA Alumni House/Museum was being renovated, Terry took the lead in lining up the contractor and had plans to move to Fort Defiance to help operate the facility when it opened. Those plans were changed when he had a massive

stroke in 1999. Employed at Imperial Reading, Lynchburg Foundry and an independent sales representative for Electronic Design and Manufacturing. Lay leader, The Epiphany (Anglican) Church, Amherst. Director, AMA Alumni Association. Received AMA Alumni Medal a month before he passed away. Survived by his stepfather, Don Brah; a halfbrother, John Brah; three sons, Kevin of Radford, VA, Colin of Murrells Inset, SC and Christopher of Georgetown, SC; two stepchildren, SFC Jason Conner of Dahlonge, GA and Victoria Esposito of Bedford, VA. At AMA: 1st lieutenant, Headquarters Company; Roller Rifles; Decorating Committee; *Recall* staff, lacrosse; cheerleader. Reported by **Bob Harris, '54**, **Duke Fancher, '59**, and **Buddy McCausland, '39**.

E. Wayne Higgins, '62

17 May 2007, at Sentara General Hospital, '59. Retired vice president of Old Dominion University. An alumnus of ODU with a BS and MBA in business. Joined the university in 1973 as director of operations. In 16 years at ODU, he was responsible for guiding the university's capital development program with the renovation or construction of 36 major projects valued at more than \$130 million. Under Higgins' leadership, Old Dominion acquired a \$10 million property adjacent to the campus. Created an endowment and university fund. During his stewardship, ODU expanded student housing by 1,350 beds. After resigning from ODU, he became executive vice president for finance at Lamar University in Texas. Survived by a daughter, Margaret Doummar of Virginia Beach. At AMA: 1st lieutenant, E Company; Cotillion Club; Roller Rifles; Honor Committee. Reported by his roommate **Bob Ray, '62**.

Ken Eichner, '64

17 May 2007, at home in Crossville, TN. No details. Reported by **Steve Speciale, '61**.

Richard L. Crafton, '65

No details. At AMA: football; basketball manager; Privilege List. Reported by **Buddy McCausland, '39**.

TAPS

AMA alumni deaths reported to us May 2006-May 2007



Bill Aldrich,
1948 Recall



John Carter,
1949 Recall



Terry Snow,
1958 Recall



Wayne
Higgins,
1962 Recall



Ken Eichner,
1964 Recall

William T. Aldrich, 1948
 Vincent Barber, 1945
 William Thomas Berry, 1942
 Paul Hanger Bratton, 1948
 Donald W. Browne, 1945
 William M. Carroll, 1949
 John Richmond Carter, 1949
 Thomas Cohoon, 1946
 Richard I. Crafton, 1965
 Robert P. Echols, 1970
 Kenneth Eichner, 1964
 James Lee Fletcher, 1963
 Douglas Allen Fussell, 1978
 Walter Gottlieb, 1941
 Wayne Higgins, 1962
 Walter Anderson Holt, 1944
 James W. Huntsberry, 1951
 David B. Jolly, 1967
 Robert S. Knox, 1951
 Carroll Knicely, 1946
 Michael F. Lagosky, 1970
 V. P. Leavel, 1939
 Julian Robbins Lowe, 1960
 John Minor, 1942
 Sam Mrvos, 1949
 Douglas A. Nemier, 1949

James Malcolm O'Hara, 1939
 Frank Pilley, 1951
 William E. Pitts, 1945
 Alan L. Poole, 1967
 John Augustus Ramsey, 1948
 Hugh L. Ray, 1974
 Carl Leo Schmitz, Jr., 1978
 Stanley H. Sleeper, 1969
 Terry Snow, 1958
 James Towe, 1960
 Claxton Walker, 1941
 Donald Walker, 1963
 Warren White, 1955
 Joseph L. Yon, 1930
 May these -

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The Augusta Military Academy Alumni Foundation, Inc. supports the AMA Legacy Scholarship Fund, the VMI Scholarship Fund, the AMA Museum, the maintenance of the alumni mailing lists, and the publishing and distribution of *The Bayonet*.

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There is an annual election of Trustees and officers at the annual reunions. Trustees may be AMA alumni, but are not required to be.

* Check with your financial advisor to determine your state's tax rules

Gary Nicholson, '70, and Sue keep on giving after his death

Gary Nicholson passed away in April of 2006 but he and his wife, Susan, have still found a way to help someone in need. In his last days, Gary traveled about in an electric wheelchair and Susan decided to sell it after Gary died. But it wasn't selling around their hometown Red Oak, VA. Meanwhile in Staunton, Ronnie Craig who plays Santa Claus saw

Ernie Argenbright in a wheelchair and asked him what he would like for Christmas. "An electric wheelchair," was the response. Well, Santa Ronnie didn't know how he was going to make that happen but he surely was going to try. And who did Old Santa call? Ben Zinkhan, '60, who else. And Ben knew just where to look!

Ben called Susan Nicholson, then he and Ronnie went to Red Oak to retrieve the chair. Ronnie and Ben let Argenbright's minister know that they had the electric wheelchair. The next Sunday, Ben and "Santa" were at the church where Argenbright goes when Argenbright's dad rode in on the wheelchair, down the handicap ramp and straight to his son.

Photo on page 64

Zinkhan says, "There were plenty of tears... Santa made a little speech. Then, I told the congregation all about Gary's being a policeman and all the things he had done for AMA."

Argenbright was on his way home in February of 2003. He had the cruise control set at 58 MPH on his '99 Ford Mustang. At the top of a hill, he spotted some wet spots and hit his brakes to slow down, but the cruise control never disengaged. "The car took off like a rocket," he says and when it finally stopped at a steep bank, his back was broken and he was paralyzed from the waist down. Argenbright now says, "Something good came from that accident. I have come to know my Saviour, Jesus Christ. God used Ronnie Craig on the evening of our church's Christmas supper. Now, I can live a productive life, thanks to God's favor and to his disciples. When I spoke with Susan Nicholson on the phone, she said that Gary would have wanted someone like me to have his chair. So, I want to thank all the Lord's workers - Ronnie, Ben and Susan."

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The Class Agent list that we have is out of date. If you are listed here as a class agent, and shouldn't be, let us know.

If your class agent has never once contacted you, why don't **YOU** volunteer to take over for your class?

If your class has **NO** class agent, won't you please volunteer? We will help you in every way possible get your class back for reunions and the like – we will even write letters to your classmates for you and send them to you with stamped envelopes so that all you have to do is sign them and put them in the mail.

Help us get our Class Agent list up to date! Here are the classes beginning in 1935 and the agents we have listed for each class:

1935 - Julian Quarles
 1936 - NONE
 1937 - NONE
 1938 - Larry Kurtz
 1939 - NONE
 1940 - George Haw
 1941 - NONE
 1942 - Rut Beard
 1943 - Chris Harrison
 1944 - NONE
 1945 - NONE
 1946 - NONE
 1947 - Mike Welch
 1948 - NONE
 1949 - Frank Spencer
 1950 - Jim Lupton
 1951 - Hap Starr
 1952 - Jim White
 1953 - Lew Mundin
 1954 - Ken Hoke
 1955 - NONE
 1956 - NONE
 1957 - Goodloe Saunders
 1958 - Duke Fancher
 1959 - Dave Conrad, Lloyd Eastlack
 1960 - Luke Snyder, Frank Williamson
 1961 - Jack Steele
 1962 - Bob Gebeaux, Bob Ridgeway
 1963 - Mike Baston
 1964 - Dave Holsinger, Phil Mattson
 1965 - NONE

1966 - NONE
 1967 - Mac McInnis
 1968 - Gordon Metz
 1969 - Bill Scarborough, Charlie Pascale, Nicky Syropoulos
 1970 - Jorge Rovirosa
 1971 - Garry Granger
 1972 - Lewie Kennett
 1973 - Joe Garry, Jim Atchison
 1974 - Bill Bruder, Hayes Dickinson, Corey Koenig
 1975 - Brett Thompson
 1976 - Jim Mitchell
 1977 - Shawn Ogimachi
 1978 - Henry Harris
 1979 - Ed Iskow
 1980 - Keith Traylor
 1981 - Todd Livick
 1982 - NONE
 1983 - NONE
 1984 - Chris Meek

We have learned over the years that there may as well be no class agent to having two or three fellows volunteer for the job. The way to be sure that nothing gets done is to have two or three people assigned to do it.

We really will give you a lot of help if you but ask for it. If you are listed as a class agent and want your name off the list, let us know and we'll see to it. Then, we can start to look for someone else. Appreciate your cooperation!

A gentleman always carries a pocketknife

His internet moniker is "TunnelRat" and he is the moderator of an on-line forum called Ohioans for Concealed Carry. In an on-line discussion, one blogger was discussing the fact that a deadly weapon can be sometimes be something other than a handgun. "Is a knife a deadly weapon?," asked the blogger. "TunnelRat" responded as follows: *"Colonel Roller of Augusta Military Academy... taught us that a 'gentleman' always carries a fine pocketknife. But then he advised that a 'Rambo Avenger' with a blade over four inches is no 'gentleman's pocket-knife' and is always going to attract unwanted law enforcement attention."* Does anyone know who TunnelRat is?

Four new directors elected at reunion

Four new directors of the AMA Alumni Association were elected at Reunion 2007.

Blaine Clarke, '72, of Germantown, MD is a state licensed social worker/clinician and is a Family Intervention Specialist with the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services.

His father was in the AMA Class of 1937.



Clarke



Pennock

Doug Pennock, '72, is from San Juan, Puerto Rico where he is a nurseryman. His father, **Chuck**, '48, and grandfather, **Charles**, '25, bred into Doug a love for AMA. Doug is Board

Chairman of The Baldwin School.

Rick Smail, '67, retired as a Delta Airlines captain and now is flying as a co-pilot on SkyWest where his son, Zach, is a pilot, a unique situation to say the very least. He lives in Park City, Utah and is a Roller Rider.



Smail

Steve Traylor, '72,

also hails from Germantown, Maryland. He had a career as an accountant and sales person and is now in the real estate business. He also has a piano tuning company with his brother.



Traylor

PLEASE USE THE ENCLOSED YELLOW ENVELOPE TO SUPPORT THE VIRGINIA WAR MUSEUM AMA PROJECT
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SPOTLIGHT on DWIGHT NITZ, '74

At Gettysburg, he has dedicated his life to salvaging the nation's history

By Ms. Laura Montalvo Torres

"I believe it to be the duty of every-one to unite in the restoration of the country and the reestablishment of peace and harmony"

Robert E. Lee made these remarks following the Civil War and it is ironic how those words spoken 142 years ago can still resonate and have meaning for us today. We take so many liberties for granted that it is hard to imagine an America torn by separate ideals and views – a war amongst our people. Nonetheless, Robert E. Lee's words became a reality. Our nation has united to enjoy democratic freedom, but our society still struggles daily.

In the end, no one understands Lee's words more than **Dwight Nitz, '74**. His ties to the military through his education at AMA and his expertise on the Civil War have been intertwined since his youth. He has significantly contributed in the preservation of artifacts pertaining to a pivotal point in our nation's history: during and after the Civil War. If there is such a thing as destiny, Dwight Nitz's life is an example of it.

Dwight Nitz was born in our nation's capital on 12 October 12 1956, the son of a World War II veteran and a mother who worked for Coca Cola. The fact that his father, William Nitz, served in the South Pacific on a Destroyer called the *USS Hammerfield* may have had some indirect influence on his future, but he was unaware of it at the time. Nonetheless, Dwight enrolled at Augusta Military Academy after engaging in a conversation with his sister's boyfriend, Willy Hall.

*"Not long after that I was playing Army in Company D with **Douglas Pennock, '72**, as my Company Commander and **Lewie Kennett, '72**, as my platoon leader," Dwight recalls.*

That first year Dwight remembers having done more push-ups than he thought humanly possible. *"It was hell,"* he says. By the end of that first year though, he could do 200 push-ups without a care in the world. His sophomore year at AMA was even better. He now had the rank of Old Cadet and as he specifies, *"those two stripes made life better."*



At "Fields of Glory," Dwight Nitz continues his research on the Civil War and in particular, the crucial Battle of Gettysburg.



**Dwight Nitz,
From the 1974 Recall**

The turning point of his years at AMA came in the junior year during which he says he was "saved" by **Curt Selby, '72**, who at the time was the head photographer for *The Recall*. In one day, Curt taught Dwight everything he knew about cameras and film development.

*"I loved it! Next thing I know, I was on The Recall staff as one of **Doc Savedge's** boys. I never attended a Sunday Parade or Saturday Drill after that. I'm not kidding," Dwight chuckles. "When I graduated in 1974, I could hardly keep in step on the Parade Field."*

That year Dwight felt a great sense of accomplishment and pride when he was voted into *Ad Astra*. As he eloquently puts it, he felt like "one of the Good Fellas."

*"That was a good year; nobody could touch me with that camera and Captain **Chuck Knapp, '72**, (the Editor of the yearbook) standing behind me."* For those that may not know, Dwight took most of the pictures that appeared in both the

1973 and 1974 *AMA Recalls*, some of Doc Savedge's best.

Upon graduating from AMA in 1974, Dwight served four years in the Navy on a fast frigate, traveling around the world three times. *"After four years in military school and four years in the Navy, I felt like a veteran at 23,"* Dwight

remembers. It was at this point that he had decided he wanted to return to a civilian life in Virginia. Despite his extensive use of a camera and his photography skills from the good AMA days, Dwight never became a photographer. Instead, he became a master printer by the age of 27, but after nine years devoted to this field, Nitz decided that he was not happy. *"The money was great, but I wanted to do something else,"* he explains.

Dwight always had a slight inclination towards history and had written several small articles about local Civil War history. *"I remember sitting in the Big Room staring at those cold faces of Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson and wondering how many push-ups they had to do at West Point."* It was during this soul searching time that Dwight heard of a job opening at the Civil War Battle of Gettysburg National Park as a National Park Service Ranger.

It was almost divine intervention. Dwight Nitz followed his heart, but most of all, his passion. He immediately applied for the position, passed all the pertinent tests, and was accepted. *"I left a \$50,000 year job for one that paid \$18,000 a year. My father thought that I had lost my mind!,"* Dwight says.

If indeed "good things come to those who wait," Dwight Nitz would agree that he finally arrived where he wanted to be and found what he wanted to do. After trotting the world, he had come full circle and his new permanent address was the Gettysburg Battlefield. He has never looked back.

Soon after he began work as a guide at the National Park, Dwight became interested in the relics business because it was something that came naturally to him. *"After learning about photography, printing, and being immersed in so much history, selling an original Lincoln signature was easy to me."*

For many people, relics may be a hobby, but relics became Dwight's life. He read everything and anything he could on guns, swords, cannonballs, and cannons, absolutely anything having to do with the Civil War. *"It got to the*



Fields of Glory has a huge inventory of Civil War firearms which Dwight has amassed since he opened his store in 1986.



Was Dwight studying Civil War history in 1973? That's Dwight sitting between Mark Seay and Rene Gilliam.

point where I could not only tell you the complete bio of U.S. Grant, but I could also tell you who made the uniform he wore in the Vicksburg campaign (Tifanies)," Dwight boasts.

In 1986, he opened the Fields of Glory shop in Gettysburg where he sells Civil War relics. What makes the shop special is the fact that a customer won't just walk out with an old artifact of the Civil War, but will come away with the complete knowledge and significance of that artifact. A relic is not just another object; it's a piece of history and must be treated as such. Dwight understands and honors this.

AMA's emphasis on camaraderie, discipline and the pursuit of your dreams undoubtedly had its influence on Dwight in guiding him to find his true passion for history. *"I guess that when you put all the little things you learn in life together, it all seems to work out,"* he says.

They say that some people work to live and others live to work. Dwight would

definitely have to fall in the latter category. His passion and love for what he does each day are evident in his voice, in his writing, and even in the pictures he takes. For Dwight, getting that position at the Battle of Gettysburg National Park was one of the most memorable days of his life; he found his calling and never looked back. Unbeknownst to him, for others, Dwight represents the restoration of the country which Robert E. Lee spoke of so many years ago. He has dedicated his life to restoring and salvaging pieces of our nation's history. And all along the way, he has not forgotten his AMA roots. He still keeps in touch with **Dan Resnick '74**, and **Dave Langley '76**.

Says Dwight, *"I started going to AMA reunions around five years ago. I always thought I was too busy to attend. Now, I wouldn't miss an AMA reunion for anything."* ★ ★ ★



DOWN ON THE FARM - The annual Sunday morning breakfast hosted by Tom and Bruce Hemp. Bruce, a Stuart Hall girl, started inviting fellows from the late '60's and early '70's. Now, it's been extended to include the Roller Riders on the day they leave for their post-reunion bike ride. L. to r., front, Bruce Higginbotham Hemp, Anne Bryan, Susan Lambert Yates and Tom Hemp. Second row, Nick Syropoulos, '69, Bruce Orenstein, '68, Garry Granger, '71, Brett Thompson, '75 and Karl Haleamau, '71. Third row, Mike Kidd, '72, Gordon Metz, '68, Jorge Rovirosa, '70, Steve Traylor, '72, Rick Smail, '67, Bruce Strange, '72. and Tom DelValle, '73 Back row, Steve Bailey, '67, Myron McWilliams, '77, Doug Pennock, '72, and Blaine Clarke, '72. Bruce says she made about 30 omelettes to feed the hungry horde.

Photo by Bruce Strange, '72



THE DAY BEFORE their exhibition during Reunion 2007, the Roller Rifles practiced close order drill. That's the Academic Building (Big Room) in the background and yes, that's a stogie in the foreground poking out of Tom DelValle's mouth. A Cuban probably...



GARY'S CHAIR - Ben Zinkhan, '60, left, helped to arrange for Ernie Argenbright to get Gary Nicholson's electric wheelchair with the help of "Santa" Ronnie Craig. See story on page 59.

Mini-reunions planned for Tidewater area

The South Florida alumni have been getting together for dinners and mini-reunions for several years now. **Jordan Pugh, IV, '57**, would like to see the same thing happen in Tidewater Virginia.

"There are some folks who just physically cannot get back to Fort Defiance for a reunion," says Pugh. "When I talk about Tidewater, I mean anywhere from Richmond down to Elizabeth City. This is intended for any AMA alumnus from any class. If you want to get together with some other AMA folks, please let me know."

Contact Jordan at: 757/735-7920 or at: jpugh@c-pro.com.

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WELCOME TO SPRING - A dogwood, the Virginia state tree, was in full bloom at Reunion 2007, the Old Dominion's way of welcoming everyone to her 400th birthday party.



Classes around '43, attention please!

Look at the photo above if you were at AMA in 1943 or near that year. The photograph was sent in by **John Younger, '43**, who says, *"This is a picture of my Mail Orderly's roommate. I think my Mail Orderly was named Smith. I would very much like to contact him as well as his roommate whose name I don't remember."*

Can you help John find his Mail Orderly and the MO's roommate? Contact John at: 3692 Charles Drive, East Point, GA 30344-6024.

Many thanks to our photographers

We want to thank sincerely the many people who sent in photos from Reunion 2007. In all, we received 803 digital and glossy print photos plus the 226 digital photos I took at the reunion.

Bruce Strange, '72, is a professional photographer and you will see his fine work throughout this issue. **Victor Gomez, '69**, was everywhere taking photos and you'll see many of his shots in this issue. Thank you also to **Ozzie Ferro, '53**, **Jorge Rovirosa, '70**, **Bruce Hemp** and all the others who contributed.

What a nice problem to have: too many photos to use. But some of you, as well intentioned as you are, sent digital photos of such small resolution that they could not have been printed in *The Bayonet* wider than one single inch. Just because a digital photo looks pretty good on a computer screen does **NOT** mean that it will necessarily look good in print. If you send a photo in .jpeg format, make sure it is saved at 300 dpi, or more. Better still, send your digital photos in .tiff format at 300 dpi.

Thanks again to all of you who contributed pictures of the best reunion I have ever attended.

- *REB*

Senator John Chichester, '55

Top-ranking member of Virginia Senate to retire

The Virginia State Senate's highest ranking member has announced that he will not seek re-election to the seat he has held for nearly 30 years.

Senator John Chichester, '55, is Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the leader of what has been the dominant wing of Republican moderates in the Senate. Chichester first was elected on a write-in campaign in 1978 and says that it *"is now time to pass the baton along to another."*

He became President Pro Tem of the Senate in 2000 but fell short in his lone run for state office, an unsuccessful 1985 race for lieutenant governor against Douglas Wilder who later became the nation's first elected black governor. In 2005, Chichester received the nation's top legislative accolade: the Excellence in State Legislative Leadership Award.



Senator Chichester, '55, and his daughter, Holly, visit the AMA campus in 2004. Below, left, Queen Elizabeth II addresses the Virginia General Assembly this past May. Senator Chichester is standing at the top, left. His position as President Pro Tem of the Virginia Senate entitled him to share the rostrum with the Speaker of the House and Virginia's Governor Kaine.



Virginia Governor Timothy Kaine, a Democrat, said that Chichester's *"leadership and knowledge will be missed and his dedication to the commonwealth is a testimony to the power of public service that is larger than any single legislative district or political ideology."*

Chichester and his wife, Karen, live in the Chesapeake Bay waterfront community of Reedville. He spoke at the 1999 AMA Alumni Reunion and memorably told his audience that AMA's greatest gift is for its alumni to instill in others the lessons learned at Augusta.

Bus ride makes money for AMA

Clyde Ramsey, '49, never seems to run out of ways to help AMA financially. Before Reunion 2007, he offered to match the amount collected from those who took the motor coach tour to Richmond during the reunion. There were 50 bus riders, each of whom paid \$37 for the privilege, so Clyde wrote a check for \$1,850 to the AMA Foundation. Thank you so much, Clyde, for your continued leadership role and for cleverly finding new ways to help AMA while challenging other alumni to be more participative.

Gary Gertz, '75, has joined the Roller Society indicating that he will leave something to the AMA Foundation when he passes away. The Roller Society maintains an honor roster of AMA alumni and friends who have signed up to make a planned gift. Gertz lives in Waldorf, MD.

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From the Reunion Committee Chairman - by Luke Snyder, '60

As I sit at my desk reflecting on the past few weeks, I realize that putting on a reunion for the AMA alumni is a job for more than one person. There are probably 20 or more, both alumni and not, who have a say in what is done over the week of our reunion.

Did you know that whereas most schools have reunions based on a reunion class or a few classes of certain years, our school has one reunion for the whole school each year? That brings together all our age groups regardless of our graduating year. Why? Because we are all the same. We all went through the same challenges and goals this academy had to offer, maybe not at the same time, but together. This is unique and we should celebrate that.

The reunion for our beloved Augusta Military Academy for the year 2007 is now over and I feel the need to relate some of my reflections. This year's reunion contained quite a few changes to our program, which kept us very busy. Thursday we had a record attendance at the cocktail party (more than 125) at the Staunton Country Club where the food was delicious. Rod Willey planned all the details. Everyone in attendance had a good time reacquainting themselves with each other and seeing old friends.

As Friday rolled around, we had golfers on the course orchestrated by Mickey Toms. The event was held at the Ingleside and everyone had a great time. The bus tour to Richmond was to follow in the footsteps of Professor Roller. It was a full day with lunch lead by Frank and Bev Williamson and Bob Hume donated the bus which was at full occupancy.

Friday evening, we had our Awards Banquet (nearly 200) which included a reenactor who made us very much aware that living in Colonial Jamestown was very different from where we live today. The four hundredth anniversary of Jamestown and the colony of Virginia is being celebrated all over the state of Virginia and being a good Virginia school, we wanted to remember the event. The rest of the banquet was a wonderful pasta dinner and speeches by and for our scholarship winners as well as Missouri Military Academy who is honoring scholarships from AMA families. Garry Granger, Bob Bradford and Frank Williamson planned and executed this event with the scholarships carried off by Chris Meek.

Saturday saw our continental breakfast in the hall in front of the Annual AMA Alumni Membership Meeting that everyone was invited to attend. That was put together by Anne Snyder, Bev Williamson and Garry Granger with the girls making the meal happen and Garry running the meeting.

Next, we went to the cemetery at the Augusta Stone Church for Founder's Day Ceremonies that were put together by Luke Snyder and Brocky Nicely who got together a Confederate contingency complete with a firing squad and cannon. This included the re-enactors who played the parts of Professor Roller as a young man and as an elderly gentleman. And WOW! We all love a good firing squad and real cannon!

More than 210 came to the luncheon in the gym which was delicious as always and was put together by Rod Willey. The program was excellent with Colonel Larry Nicholson making his exciting talk about Iraq. Bob Bradford told us about Virginia and the Ovation singers made us feel like our adopted state was really our home. Great Job!

The afternoon weather could not have been more beautiful with the Roller Rifles and AMA Color Guard on the march and an outstanding march it was, along with the knockout drill. The AMA Drum Corps as well as the color guard was the icing on the cake. This event was handled by Steve Traylor, Doug Pennock and Sergeant Studer.

Saturday night was Casino Night with a good light dinner; just light enough to top off the good fried chicken meal we had for lunch was planned by Garry Granger. A large crowd attended the first ever Casino Night event on Saturday night, probably with about 200 people. We felt that this event was very well received and will be repeated next year! Luke and Anne Snyder and Frank and Bev Williamson handled this event. All of the prizes purchased and the money raised for this event as well as the table sponsors were handled by Garry Granger and Frank Williamson. Wow, what an evening!

Sunday morning was the fellowship breakfast which is a Dutch treat buffet affair held in a private dinning room. Frank Williamson gave a very inspirational talk that ended our weekend with fellowship.

Other events that were ongoing for the weekend were the PX, the Silent Auction, the registration room, the "Hostility" Room, the "Hostility" Tent and Bar and the cocktail parties each evening in the tent. And the AMA Museum. These activities are manned by the museum staff for the museum; by Dave Conrad for the PX and the Silent Auction; Anne Snyder and Bev Williamson for the Hospitality Room; Dana Davidson and Luke Snyder for the Registration Room and Tommy Simmons for the tent and bar.

As you can see, there are lots of events over the entire week and weekend. Also, can you see that I am repeating a lot of the same names? These are a few of the people who are making all of these events work for you. As we try to make a "fresh approach" to the reunion, as we work on a new theme each year, as we all get older, we really need help in implementing these activities. We need help in the planning and in the minute-by-minute implementation of each activity. If you have ideas to help keep our wonderful event fresh and if you would like to join one of our tireless reunion committees to help during the week of the reunion, please volunteer. If you have the time, please give some of it to our committee to help us plan and put this week together in 2008. We saw a real increase in participation (well over 110) this year. We realized some profit for our Foundation too this year. We want to continue to see these improvements and we certainly need to see a sustainable increase "until there are only two". Please help! Please volunteer! We need you now!

Thank you to all who have helped and to all who continue to help as the reunion couldn't have gone on without you.

Luke Snyder, '60

American Airline tickets lead the way

Silent Auction at reunion raises \$3,500

When the bids were all in and counted, the Silent Auction had netted \$3,500 for the AMA Alumni Foundation with the American Airlines tickets donated by **Tom DelValle, '73**, again leading the way.

Auction Chairman **Dave Conrad, '59**, reported that **John Botcheller, '67**, had the high bid of \$900 for two first class tickets while **Chuck Pine, '49**, bid \$610 for two tourist class vouchers. *"The airline tickets always attract our largest bids,"* Conrad says.

In addition to DelValle, the other two main contributors of auction items continue to be **Ed Chauncey, '49**, and **Dwight Nitz, '74**. Chauncey contributes beautifully framed prints and the like while Nitz, owner of Fields of Glory in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, donates Civil War items and other militaria.

Dave Gentry, '78, paid \$200 for a limited edition print of The Truce while **Rex Rumley, '69**, had the high bid of \$100 for a cane with a concealed dagger. Rex also got a jeweled dagger for \$50. Be careful around him!

Mickey Toms, '67, bought a replica sword, a Gettysburg action figure, a poster of the first powered flight, an *Ad Astra* tielack and pin, a Confederate soldier and an American Indian knife. **Boots Solan, '43**, and Marge went home with an oil painting of the Blue Ridge, a whitetail deer print, an oil of a log cabin, a Jamestown watch, a hunting lithograph, a knife and some note paper.

Gary Cripps, '71, got a lamp for \$90 and an Andrew Wyeth print for \$55. **Debbie Nicholson** had the top bid on an H. L. Huntley poster while **Mike Farrell, '63**, purchased a British Tommy hat, a World War II 8th Army badge, a Civil



Left, Silent Auction Chairman Dave Conrad, '59, announces the top bidders during Casino Night. Above, looking over the auction items.

War bayonet and an Augusta County election notice from 1874. **Charlie Smith, '67**, paid \$105 for some golf clubs and \$50 for a Jamestown silver dollar.

Others who had top bids included **Colleen Meek, Wayne Early, '67, Lucille Beard, Brenda Metz, John Bell, '54, Brock Wagner, '67, Nicky Syropoulos, '69, Don Studer, Jorge Roviroso, '70, Bob Harris, '54, Bill Scarborough, '60, Bill Tinder, '46, Liz Hash and Diane Wattay.**

Dave Conrad and Carol Drake worked very hard all through the reunion weekend not only keeping up with the Silent Auction bids but helping with PX sales. *"They definitely need some help next year,"* says AMA Alumni Association President **Garry Granger, '71**, appreciatively.

Colonel Paul Gillette promotes Missouri Military scholarships

Lieutenant Colonel Paul Gillette of Missouri Military Academy came to the 2007 AMA reunion to tell Augusta men about the \$5,000 scholarship offer for the descendants of AMA alumni and brought an AMA alumnus with him to help tell the MMA story.

Gillette told the Awards Banquet audience about the all male school in Mexico, Missouri founded, as was AMA, by a Confederate veteran. The academy is just half an hour from the University of Missouri and 90 minutes from St. Louis.

The first AMA legacy to take advantage of the scholarship offer is



LTC Paul Gillette

Matt Mitchell, son of **Jim Mitchell, '76**. Matt entered MMA this past January and Jim reported that the change in his son has been *"truly remarkable. All three of us – Matt, Casey and I – are very happy with our decision for Matt to attend the Missouri Military Academy."*

In addition to the \$5,000 scholarship there can be additional scholarship help based on need. Colonel Gillette talked with several alumni who are interested in sending a son or grandson to the MMA summer camps in this coming July.

Gillette offered to make himself available to talk with any parents or grandparents of potential MMA cadets.

Phone him at 573/581-1776.

New way to save on taxes

IRA charitable rollover available only through 2007

Many IRAs have grown significantly in value in recent years and many AMA alumni have benefitted from that growth. Some have asked if they can make a gift to the AMA Alumni Foundation from their IRA. Until now, the answer has been no, at least not without some significant tax consequences.

But now through the end of 2007 only, there is a new alternative – the IRA charitable rollover. The Pension Protection Act was enacted last year making possible an IRA rollover to the AMA Alumni Foundation or to any other charity, if you are over 70½ years of age. The good news is that your IRA contribution to charity will be similar to other IRA rollovers – it will not be included in your Federal taxable income.

While there is no added deduction for an IRA charitable rollover, avoiding up to \$100,000 of taxable income may save substantial income taxes not otherwise available. An added bonus is that your IRA charitable rollover this year will qualify for all or part of your required IRA minimum distribution. Thus, the charitable rollover is a tax efficient way of reducing an "over funded" IRA, should you be fortunate enough to be in that situation.

If you have ever wanted to make a contribution to the AMA Foundation, but thought you could not afford to do so, now is the time to reconsider. As it stands now, the IRA provisions of the new law are applicable only until the end

of this year. So, who might want an IRA rollover? Charitable IRA rollovers will be popular for five reasons:

1] **Convenience** - It is a very simple and easy way to make a gift to AMA. 2] **Standard deduction benefit** - With an IRA charitable rollover, you may take the standard deduction. Since the IRA rollover is not on your return, it may reduce your taxes. 3] **Lower tax on Social Security** - Because of an IRA distribution, you may be paying tax on 85% of your Social Security. Using the IRA charitable rollover may lower your income and only 50% of your Social Security benefits would be taxable. 4] **No giving limits** - With an IRA charitable rollover, you may give more than the usual deductible amount of 50% of income. 5] **Lower income level saves taxes** - Persons with higher incomes often lose part of their charitable deductions and other tax benefits. Using an IRA charitable rollover for part or all of your IRA required distribution may lower your income and save taxes. Your IRA charitable rollover in 2007 could be in any amount up to \$100,000.

You have only until 31 December of this year (2007) to make an IRA charitable rollover!

Discuss with your CPA or tax preparer the benefits to you of an IRA charitable rollover. Then, consider an IRA rollover to the AMA Alumni Foundation to support *The Bayonet*, the AMA Museum and the AMA Scholarships.

You are eligible to make an IRA charitable rollover to AMA if you are more than 70½ years old but ONLY THROUGH THE END OF 2007



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THREE STARS - Any way you look at it, here are three stars. Taken in Park City, Utah, Rick Smail, '67, and Gordon Metz, '68, flank Bill Martin, '33. All three are stars having done extremely well in their lives, but Bill Martin has three stars all by himself. He is Lieutenant General William Martin who was the Commander of the 15th Air Force before his retirement. We hope he will come to Reunion 2008 so we can take some of his money on the golf course!



A MAN'S DREAM - For his 50th birthday, Luis Iglesias, '75, got to spend a day at the Homestead, Florida race track where he drove a Mario Andretti race car at 156 miles an hour, thanks to his beautiful wife.



KEEPING TIME - Three AMA drummers assure that the Roller Rifles and AMA Color Guard stay in step.



THE ROLLER RIDERS depart on their post reunion trek, leaving Fort Defiance Sunday and breaking off into two rides a few days later.



THE SERGEANTS - In the photo at left, Master Sergeant Joe Josephson and First Sergeant Don Studer go over reunion plans in the AMA Alumni House/Museum office. Without the full hearted support by these two veterans, we would be lost. Thanks to both of you. Each fellow volunteers to man the museum a day a week but they are often at the museum several days each week. If no one signs up for the Saturday or Sunday turn at the museum, they put themselves back on the roster.

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Why my legs are bad

Walking tours did it

By Jim Hash, '72

In 1996, I had an arterial bypass performed on my right thigh. In one of my followup appointments, the vascular surgeon who performed the operation told me: "Mr. Hash, I have never had a patient your age whose vascular system is in such bad condition." A year later, after a heart attack, my cardiologist made an almost identical statement. He went on to say that it was a combination of factors that contributed to the vascular degradation: diet, lifestyle, and genetics. But I think there is another factor that he missed. I believe it was all those damn tours I had to march. I think AMA wore out my legs long before I ever graduated. I just didn't know it...

It was during my first week or so at Augusta that I found out about "tours", what they were and how you got them. For the few reading this who might not know, a "tour" was an hour of marching with a rifle at right-shoulder arms.

The name "tour" made it sound so innocuous at the time, like perhaps it was something that you'd want to do, like a vacation or something like that. You know, like touring a museum or Yellowstone Park, complete with a deluxe coach 44 passenger bus and a sweet and sexy young tour guide. I mean, Bataan had a Death March; Augusta had "tours." Come on, what demented, sick individual was it who came up with "tours?" While we never saw Yellowstone or the deluxe coach, we did have a "tour" guide. Unfortunately, sweet, young and sexy, generally speaking, didn't really describe **MSG Charles O. Dillow**.

In reality, Augusta had two types of tours. There were the pre-Dillow tours and post-Dillow tours. Pre-Dillow tours were tours that never seemed to go away. These were the bad ones. That's not to say that the post-Dillow tours were great fun for all, they were just less evil than the pre-Dillow tours. You might be asking yourself what I mean when I say tours that never go away, so let me explain. During the pre-Dillow tour era, once you found yourself on the tour list, the odds of you ever getting off the list (or getting off when you should) was slim, at best. Sure, at the end of the school year, any existing tours were wiped clean, but Lord help you if you managed to make the list at the beginning of the year.

Pre-Dillow tours were pure chaos. Officially, during any

given week, a cadet could march off two tours on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and five on Saturday. So, theoretically, a cadet could march eleven tours a week. For demonstration purposes only, let's say you were "awarded" 20 tours for missing a formation. That means, based on an eleven tour week, if all went well and the stars were aligned just right, you could wipe the slate clean in less than two weeks. However, most of the time, the stars weren't lined up right and something else happened (or at least it is one of the infinite possible variations).

When the time came to march tours, victims of the pre-Dillow tours would gather on the blacktop next to the front arch. Once a formation was established, the CQ or his "runner" would come out of the Guard Shack and take roll call. Now that, seemingly, is a simple enough task, but when the person taking roll call has absolutely no vested

interest in ensuring the accuracy of it, well, things start going down hill. Or, maybe the person who updated the tour list had a problem with basic arithmetic, or something else with which I am unaware. Ultimately, you could march off ten tours but maybe only get credit for half that, or none. And sometimes you'd actually end up with more than you started with.

Remember, this was before computers, so unless the person administering the tours program was really anal about keeping old paperwork, proof was not an easy thing to be had. Since there was no institutionally agreed upon process to rebut a real or perceived discrepancy, any complaining you might do was done under the possible threat of additional tours just for being

a pain in the ass. I normally elected to keep my mouth shut and continue wearing out my legs.

Post-Dillow tours were, as I recall, like a breath of fresh air... MSG (Ret.) Charles O. Dillow became the Commandant at Augusta during the 67-68 school year, presuming **Don Studer's** information is accurate. I suspect that MSG Dillow's Army background has a lot to do with the dramatic change in how the tours roster was administrated.

In the Army, the duty roster is a sacred cow. That is, most 1SGs (pretty much the same thing as a MSG) were soooo anal about the roster that they only rarely allowed anyone else to update it. And God help anyone who did that made an error.

(For the sake of consistency, MSG Dillow's school rank became Major at some point, and so for the remainder of



Colonel J. V. Christy, AMA's Commandant of Cadets, decorates Sergeant Dillow for service in Vietnam.

this memoir, MSG Dillow will be referred to as Major Dillow.}

I can recall the tour list (posted in the front arch) commonly having tour totals for individuals listing in the hundreds. After Major Dillow took control of the Commandant's Office, the numbers dropped considerably. Sure, there were individuals who had more than a hundred tours next to their name, but they were truly the exception. Even I, tour master that I was, only broke the hundred mark once after Major Dillow took over.

Major Dillow's influence was not limited to the accuracy of the tour listing, he also changed how tours were conducted. Pre-Dillow tours had cadets marching around the Clay Bowl endlessly. I don't recall breaks between tours, but I'm told there were. Major Dillow's tours were fifty minutes with a ten minute break and all the marching was done on the blacktop between where A Company formed up and the alley next to the Mess Hall.

I originally liked Major Dillow because of all the faculty he was the only one smaller than me. Believe me, when you're a 5' 6" teenager, it's nice to have an adult authority figure that you can look down on, at least in a physical sense. It was a welcome relief after being dressed down by **Colonel Livick** – talk about an intimidation factor. Major Dillow never said a whole lot, at least not that I can remember. He wasn't so much gruff as he was emotionless. I never really saw him throw a fit over anything nor ever heard him yelling at anyone. However, I have seen him perturbed. Overall though, Major Dillow was mostly soft spoken, sort of a Don Corleone kind of guy, minus the Italian heritage.

Sunday morning inspection

The first time I realized that Major Dillow had a sense of humor was during a Sunday morning room inspection. Thinking back, I believe I was in the 9th grade. My room was in tip-top shape, my uniform was fresh and my brass and shoes sparkled. It was one of those rare inspections where I was actually prepared. So in walks my Company Commander, Lieutenant, 1SG and Major Dillow. When Major Dillow stood in front of me he gave me a long hard look, scanned my uniform and haircut, and then stared at me again. Just when I thought he was going to turn and walk away, he said *"Hash, when was the last time you shaved?"*

Of all the possible questions he might have asked me, that was one for which I wasn't quite prepared. So, mustering as much dignity as I could, I replied, *"Gee, Sir, I think it's been about a month, maybe a little more."* I remember watching him purse his lips together in a vain effort to keep from smiling. Major Dillow then leaned forward a bit and whispered *"It's time,"* and then departed.

While it came as a bit of a surprise, I did come to learn that Major Dillow has a heart, although the cynical side of me questions that belief. I will not disclose the names of those involved in the following event primarily to protect the two other cadets and the three Stuart Hall girls involved.

However, I will tell you that it was a seminal incident that had me very close to being expelled from AMA, or so I believe. The Stuart Hall girls were not so lucky.

Anyone who's ever experienced parlor dating will have to admit that parlor dates are the most ungratifying dates in every way imaginable. For AMA cadets it was hard enough just to get to see their girlfriends, but then when they did, they could never be alone. The rooms available for the parlor dates were constantly patrolled by zealous, geriatric vigilantes. The Sunday parades and dances at Augusta weren't quite so bad. There were still Stuart Hall chaperones, but it was far more difficult for them to keep track of all the girls at Augusta than at Stuart Hall. If Colonel Livick had decided to have parlors built for us, I think I would have fire-bombed them.

Anyway, that was the pot we were stewing in. And there really wasn't any readily available alternatives. Fairfax Hall had the same set up as Stuart Hall and the locals generally disliked us unless we were spending money in their establishments. The three Stuart Hall girls in question were friends. I and one of the other

cadets were close buddies, but the third cadet was, um, well, he was everything that my buddy and I were not. He was one of those academic all-stars, never got in trouble and loved by **Colonel Savage**. He was easily one of the last cadets on campus that you'd expect to be seen with the likes of me.

Sneaking out at night

The girls began sneaking out at night and taking a taxi to The Fort. We would meet them, normally somewhere near the Old Stone Church and then escort them back to the barracks. Getting to our rooms without being caught was



A very good writer when he was a cadet, Jim Hash, '72, was Feature Editor of *The Bayonet*. Here, he is on his way to winning the 1971 Declaiming Medal.

always dicey. One night we were very nearly caught. I can't recall if it was by a faculty member or one of the cadets on duty that night, but it was a very close call. After that, we decided to find someplace where we were less likely to be caught. I would have loved to have had a key to the rifle range – women and the smell of cordite, it just doesn't get any better than that! During the next rendezvous it was raining and quite cold. We met near the entrance to the grave yard and headed towards school along the back side of the church. I don't know whose idea it was, but we found an unlocked window that led into the church kitchen, so that's where we stayed.

Because of where we were, none of us was much interested in any sort of lovey-dovey stuff and remained in the kitchen most of the time just talking. We did use the bathroom when it was needed, but we pretty much stayed out of the church proper. I'll also admit we snatched some cookies from the pantry. This was working out for us. It gave us shelter from the elements and with little chance of being caught... or so we thought.

Two things were working against us and one of those was absolutely something that we could never, ever have been able to foresee. The first was the taxi driver (low-life dirtbag that he was) who had no problem taking the girls' money, but then turned around and reported the girls to Stuart Hall. I'd still like to beat that SOB. While Stuart Hall now knew that three of their students had gone out to AMA, they didn't know which girls – that was an upside.

Breaking into church

But the real whammy in this entire tragic tale was that, unbeknownst to us, some bonehead cadet from the Virginia Beach area (no, it wasn't either of the Lohman brothers!) was breaking into the church and calling his girlfriend in Virginia Beach using the church office phone. Hello? Anybody home in there? Gee, there was certainly no way those calls could be traced back to him, huh? What an idiot!

So the Minister from the Old Stone Church is trying to hunt down whoever is using his telephone for long distance calls; Stuart Hall is trying to identify the girls who have been going out to AMA at night. And there we were stuck in the middle. I don't remember how Stuart Hall eventually identified the girls, but once that was done, it was just a matter of time before the three of us were hauled into the Commandant's Office.

I don't remember Major Dillow playing a big part in the interrogation; nope, in this scandal Colonel Livick took a personal interest. This was probably the most pissed-off I had seen Colonel Livick. As his towering frame loomed over me, I distinctly recall thinking, *"Damn, I sure hope this man doesn't lose control."*

Initially, it was thought that we were the ones making the phone calls to Virginia Beach, (oh, contraire) and it took awhile for that to get sorted out. From my perspective, this was a good thing because it provided another person to whom Colonel Livick could channel some of his anger. Dealing with Colonel Livick was bad enough, but then the Minister wanted a piece of us too. He was convinced that wild orgies (or something of that nature) had been conducted in his church. I'm surprised he didn't send us to Gitmo to be water-boarded.



THE FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST - A group of alumni and wives gathered for a Fellowship Breakfast on Sunday morning before everyone went in his or her direction. What was missing? Coach Bill Ralph had another commitment and couldn't be there, but we look forward to seeing and hearing from him at Reunion 2008.

Stuart Hall girls are expelled

When the storm clouds had passed, my two accomplices and I were each awarded 150 tours. As for the Virginia Beach phone call genius, I don't remember what happened to him. He might have been forced to take a class on critical thinking, who knows. The three Stuart Hall girls were eventually expelled.

The expulsion process at Stuart Hall took awhile. In fact, by the time it actually happened, we had already marched off about 50 of the 150 tours that were facing us. Then one gloomy afternoon as we were marching tours, a cab pulled up in front of the blacktop and the three girls got out. They were on their way to Weyer's Cave Airport. Major Dillow called a time out so that we could say our goodbyes.

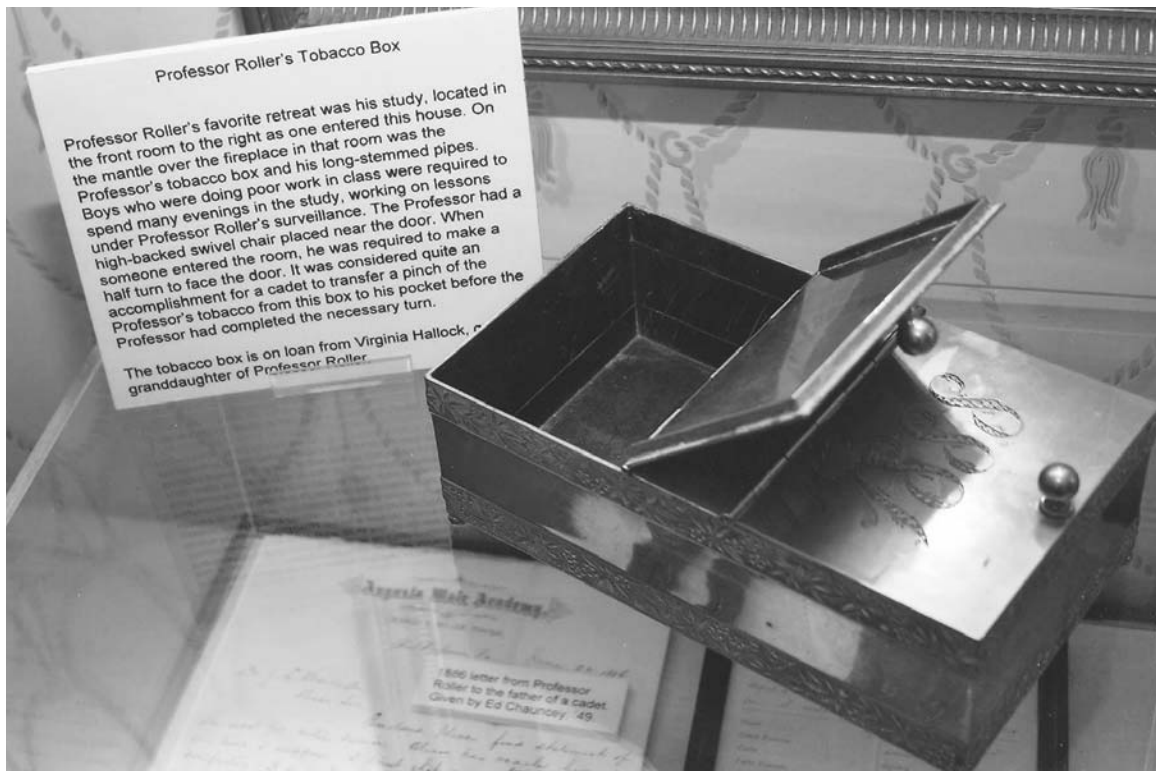
It was a very sad day in my life. A bunch of guys who knew my girlfriend and I were hanging out of the windows waving and called out goodbyes. Tears were flowing. After the girls eventually left, we went back to marching. At the conclusion of the next tour Major Dillow came out and informed us that the decision had been made to wipe out our remaining tours on the premise that having our girlfriends expelled was serious punishment all by itself.

Major Dillow's announcement came as a total surprise and was delivered in a very sympathetic fashion. He seemed to genuinely feel sorry for us. It was a most perplexing moment for me. This is where my cynicism begins to creep into the picture. As it was, the girls received a far worse punishment than we suffered. We were already feeling guilty about that, but then to reduce our punishment to, effectively, 50 tours... well, that made the guilt we were feeling even worse. This might well have been what prompted the action. I'm also fairly convinced that had the third cadet been almost anyone else, we would also have been expelled. Who knows, perhaps Colonel Livick will enlighten me one day.

So there you have it, folks, the REAL reason my legs are so messed up today.



ON DISPLAY - Now on display at the Museum is Professor Roller's famous tobacco box. The box is on loan from Virginia Hallock whose great-grandfather was the founder of AMA. As the card displayed with the box says, students who were behind in class work spent their evenings studying under the Professor's supervision in the room to the right as you enter the museum. The ability to "pinch" a bit of Professor Roller's tobacco was considered great sport.



Dick Nolan, '50, has serious health issues

Dick Nolan, '50, starred on AMA's football team, played in the national championship game for the University of Maryland against powerhouse Oklahoma (Maryland won), played eight seasons as a star defensive back with the New York Giants, and was head coach of both the New Orleans Saints and the San Francisco 49ers. Most likely, he will be inducted into AMA's Sports Hall of Fame in its first year, but he may never know about that honor.

Richard C. Nolan, age 75, has both a recurrence of prostate cancer and Alzheimer's disease. His son, Mike, is now head coach of the 49ers and Mike says, *"Dad does not know who we are and he's battling this cancer at the same time. He is not doing well at all."*

When Dick Nolan played for the Giants, they won two Eastern Conference championships and a national title. Under Coach Dick Nolan, the 49ers won their first three division titles.

Mike was a ballboy when Dick coached the 49ers and when he landed the head coaching job in San Francisco, the Nolans became the first father and son to coach the same team on a full-time basis.

At AMA, Dick Nolan played football, baseball and ran track. He was a CW and Headquarters Company Captain. **Tommy Clements, '50**, remembers him as *"a good guy, a good cadet, a good athlete and a good friend."*

This past Spring, Dick was moved into an assisted living facility for dementia patients in a Dallas suburb.

After his playing days, Dick became a top assistant with the Dallas Cowboys under Tom Landry before landing the 49ers job.



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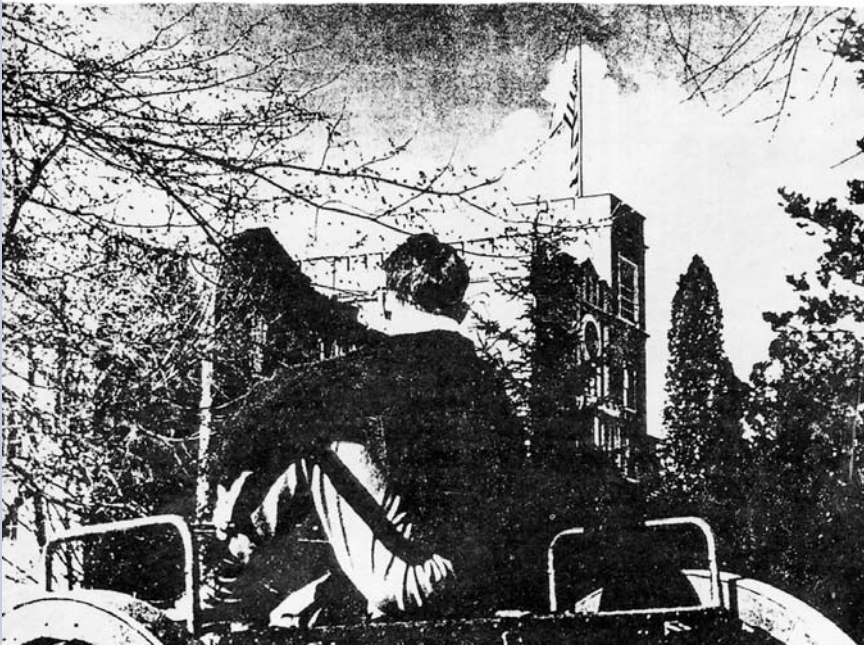
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1973 - The figure at the Final Ball. Colonel Savedge reported that attendance was up that year.

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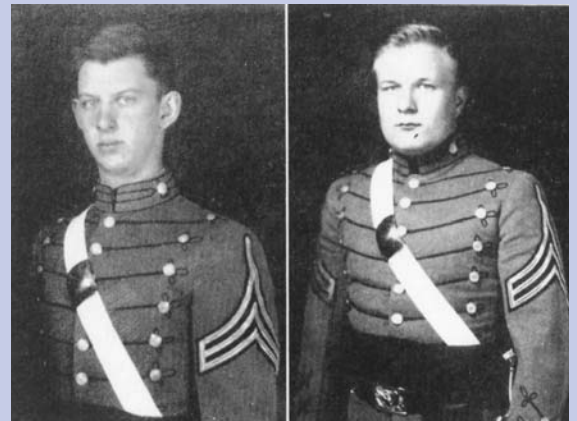
Will We Meet Again ?



1983 - A prophetic headline in *The Bayonet*. Less than a year later, AMA closed its doors after 106 years of quality education.



1978 - Keith Traylor and Richard Gross discuss an English project with Lieutenant Hal Taylor.



1938 - A Company Lieutenants Charles "Bud" Ryder and Charles Board. Ryder is a retired two star general and Board a retired patent lawyer.

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1948 - Don Johns scores the first Augusta touchdown against McCallie School in the National Prep Championship Game which AMA won 27-13.



1968 - Ron Nagu, Chuck Moss, Nick Marien and Jerry Cooper have a high level chat in a cadet sleeping room.

1963 - Who done it? Who piled up the chairs to block the Arch and who blew the car horns in the middle of the night? Now it can be told and those of you who were at AMA at the time may be surprised to see who some of the evil doers were: John Woody, John Aragona, John Prewett, George Tompkins, Fred Helms, Tom Cannon, Ralph Butts, Charlie Conatser, Wayne Sawyer, Pete Schwind, Bob Watts, J.C. Walker, Frank Hruza and Jack Schwarzmenn.



HONOR CLASSES NEXT YEAR



1958 - Annual GI – and AMA is an Honor School again! Steve Durst has his rifle inspected, Biggs is next and Krise looks on.

Killed on D-Day

LTC Mathews, '27, will be featured in new documentary, Normandy Visitor Center film

"When the landing ramp came down, Hubert was hit by the onslaught of enemy fire and killed instantly."

That is how two new films describe the heroic death of **Lieutenant Colonel Hubert Mathews, '27**, as his landing craft hit Omaha Beach on D-Day, 6 June 1944, during World War Two. A 20 minute film will be shown hereafter at the Normandy Cemetery Visitor Center beginning on 6 June. A 90 minute documentary will premier on television 11 November, Veteran's Day.

FIVE, a journey of life, death and memory tells the deeply personal story of Colonel Mathews and four others who were killed in the Normandy Campaign. The film begins where each of their lives ended and where they are buried with 9,382 of their fellow servicemen and women, just above the landing beach.

After he graduated from Augusta, Mathews went to West Point and thereafter spent his entire career as an infantry officer, serving at various posts throughout the U.S. and in Panama before the Second World War. By the time he went into combat in North Africa, he was a major with the 16th Regiment. His 3rd Battalion held at bloody Kasserine Pass in Tunisia and his superiors took notice. In the summer of 1943, the 1st Division moved to Sicily and after months of hill-to-hill battle, the 16th took Troina on 6 August 1943. Mathews earned a Silver Star from the Oran Offensive and the Distinguished Service Cross, the nation's second highest award for valor, for his brave actions in North Africa.

As a lieutenant colonel, there was no requirement for Mathews to be among the first wave of troops to hit the beach, yet there he was. He was the highest ranking officer to be killed on D-Day. A 1st Division monument at the cemetery has Mathews' name etched at its apex.

Hubert met Dolores White in 1935 while he was a young lieutenant stationed in Panama. They were married in 1939 in Virginia. Marianne Reissig, Mathews' eldest daughter who came to AMA's 2002 reunion with her son, daughter-in-law and two grandchildren, was consulted by the film makers as were daughter Barbara and a nephew.

The producers of the films say they *"scanned tens of thousands of feet of grainy World War II footage and photographs as well as some color footage seldom seen by the public."*

At AMA, Mathews was Captain of the Band, played in the cadet orchestra and played company basketball. He was a member of the Senior Literary Society and assistant advertising manager for *The Recall*. Mathews, whose home town was Cass, West Virginia was Chairman of the West Virginia Club at AMA and doubtless was responsible for a full page ad the club ran in the 1927 yearbook.

He was elected to *Ad Astra per Aspera* in his junior year, only the second year that the AMA honor society had been in being.

Boxes await examination

There are some 70 boxes – each weighing more than one person can lift. In these boxes are the remaining school records that have not been processed.

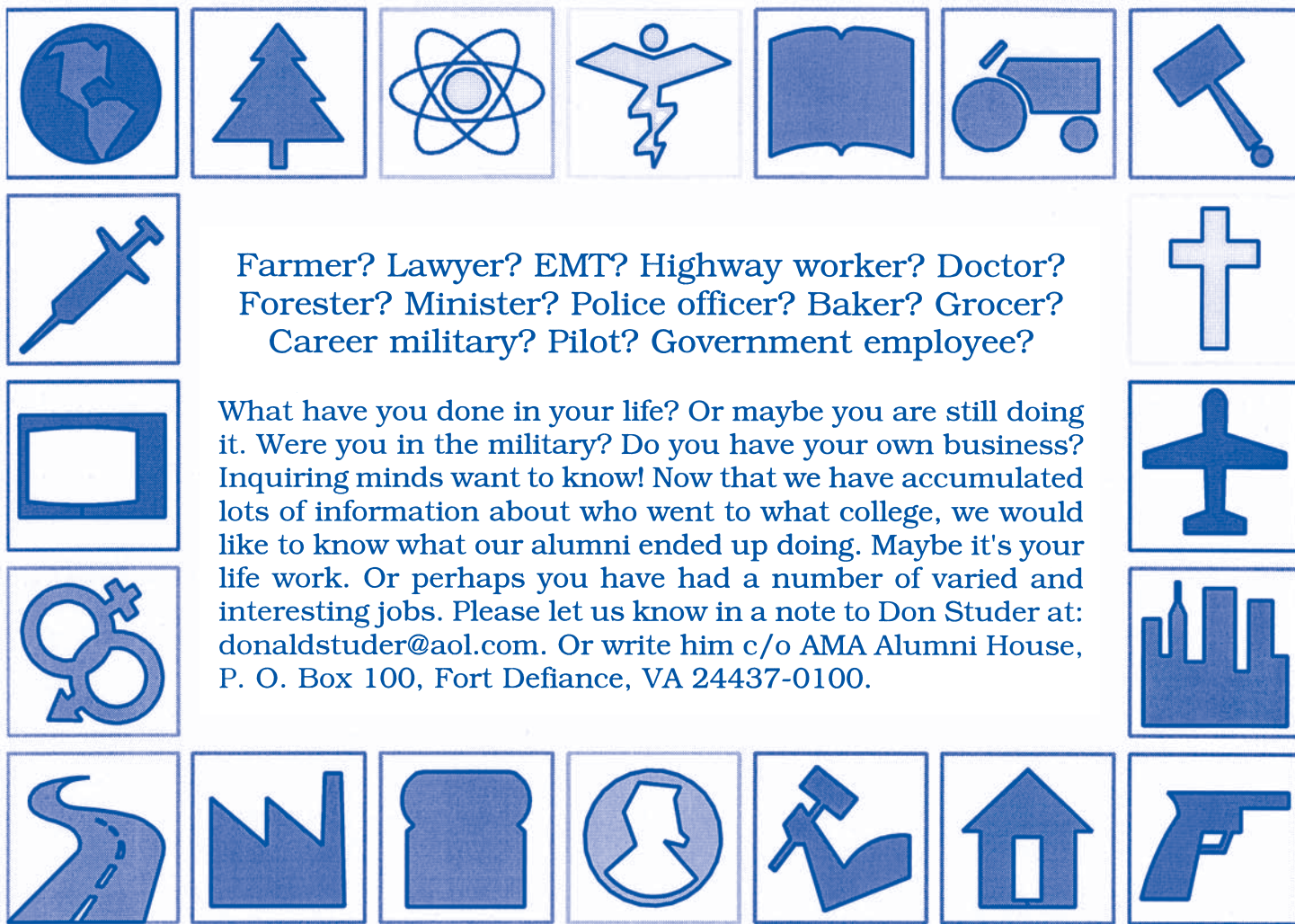
Ed Chauncey and **Bill Rubush**, both from the Class of 1949, and their wives have been slowly plowing through the records to see what is valuable, what is interesting and what is trash. *"We have had some good laughs about some of our discoveries,"* says Chauncey, adding that it takes about four and a half hours to go through one box.

"We need volunteers to step forward," he says. *"The boxes are available at the AMA Alumni House/Museum and there is a space set aside to work on the boxes."*

At the reunion, **Clyde Ramsey, '49**, agreed to give a day a month to the project. ***What we need is for other alumni from the Staunton/Waynesboro/Harrisonburg area to step forward and do at least one box!*** Won't you help us uncrate AMA's history? Call 540/248-3007 to set up a time that you can volunteer.

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Career military? Pilot? Government employee?

What have you done in your life? Or maybe you are still doing it. Were you in the military? Do you have your own business? Inquiring minds want to know! Now that we have accumulated lots of information about who went to what college, we would like to know what our alumni ended up doing. Maybe it's your life work. Or perhaps you have had a number of varied and interesting jobs. Please let us know in a note to Don Studer at: donaldstuder@aol.com. Or write him c/o AMA Alumni House, P. O. Box 100, Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0100.

Alphabetical list of AMA alumni and the jobs they hold or held

Abrams, Robert, '48 Disney animator, artist
Adam, Sinclair, '32 Landscape architect
Adams, John, '60 VP, Nation's Bank
Akerman, Alex, '58 . . . President, I-Math Associates
Aldrich, Edwin, '39 Fisher Body Company
Aldrich, William, '48 . . . President, WTA Enterprises
Allison, Harold, '61 . . . CEO, earth-moving machinery company
Alper, Dr. Melvin, '39 Ophthalmologist
Alper, Dr. Morton, '42 Dentist
Alvarez, Ricardo, '54 . . CFO, Canadian financial firm
Anderson, Fred, '60 Phillip Morris
Anderson, Steve, '52 Paving contractor
Anderson, Virgil, '28 Quarry worker
Anderson, Walter, '59 . . . Manager, Wachovia Securities
Angle, Benjamin, '51 Owner, real estate and insurance agency
Aristi, Enrique, '83 . . Tyco Electronics, quality control
Armstrong, Randolph, '72 . . Mediterranean Shipping Company
Armstrong, William, '32 . . . Author, college professor

Arrington, Michael, '76 . . TV writer/producer, NASA
Arthur, LTC John, '75 Army, 20 years. Consulting firm
Atchison, James, '73 Golf business
Auilera, Jorge, '43 . . . Owned pump equipment company
Austin, Dennis, '46 Realtor
Ayau, Dr. Eduardo, '73 Dentist
Balbis, Manuel, '53 . . . President, Firestone Argentina, wholesale export company
Baldwin, Harry, '72 . . . Physician's assistant, farmer, raises draft horses
Ballou, Slade, '58 NASA safety officer
Bamberger, Joseph, '71 . . . Iron worker, sky walker
Bane, Samuel, '68 . . . Sales. Called to active duty in Iraq as full colonel
Barber, George, '32 Minister
Barnes, Henry, '46 . . . Furniture industry executive
Barnes, Louis, '49 CEO, Barnes and Company
Barnes, Thomas, '71Development company, rebuilding Desert Inn in Las Vegas
Baron, James, '71 Home builder

- Bart, Wayne, '60 Boeing, detailed to NASA
- Basque, Ted, '53 Aerospace engineer, retired
- Battenhouse, Robert, '59 Engineering sales, couples counselors
- Beam, Robert, '40 Owner, Staunton Steam Laundry
- Beard, Benjamin, '65 U.S. Attorney
- Beard, Colonel Rutland, '42 Career, Army
- Beaver, Rick, '64 Fisheries biologist, State of Florida
- Behrendt, Thomas, '40 Radio ad salesman
- Bell, Andrew, '74 VP, USI Insurance
- Beneventi, Anthony, '81 Category analyst, Minute Maid Company
- Bennett, Gordon, '66 Investigator, Virginia State Corporation Commission
- Berens, Frederick, '42 Real estate broker
- Berliere, Alain, '63 General operations manager, Circuit City
- Berrora, William, '81 Major League broadcaster, sports writer, legal services
- Blackwell, William, '38 Biologist, printer and engraver
- Blakely, William, '59 Safety manager, U.S. Army hospital
- Blauch, James, '70 Bridge builder
- Board, Charles, '39 Patent lawyer
- Boothe, Arthur A., '45 Manufacturers' representative
- Bosley, James, '62 Wholesale auto business
- Botcheller, John, '67 Executive VP, Providian, CFO, CitiBank (Korea)
- Bowen, Meek, '26 Farmer
- Bowers, Harvey, '69 Geologist/hydrologist, Owns B&B in Alaska
- Bradbury, Howard, '32 Owner, retail hardware, garden and Christmas shop
- Bradford, BG C. Robert, '47 Virginia National Guard, one star general
- Bradford, Robert, '50 Senior VP, Safeway, Congressional staffer, Radio/TV news director
- Bradley, Ray, '72 Hardware business
- Bratton, Paul H., '48 Hardware owner
- Brantley, John, '24 Drug store owner
- Breich, Juan Ricardo, '79 Architect in Buenos Aires
- Brewer, David, '46 Senior life insurance agent, NW Mutual
- Brooke, Roger, '51 Copper mine promoter
- Brooks, William, '62 U.S. Army, French Foreign Legion, Militaria store
- Brostek, Hank, '66 Custom home builder, retired. Combat medic, Vietnam.
- Brothers, Thomas, '60 Fuel oil business
- Brown, Edward, '41 President, Endless Caverns, President, Eastern Printing
- Browne, Donald W., '45 PPG for 31 years, Loan officer
- Brownley, Wilber, '46 Compass adjuster
- Brubeck, William, '38 Public school educator
- Buchman, Noah, '49 Scrap iron business
- Buckmaster, Robert, '48 DOD computer manager
- Bush, Christopher, '64 Senior printer
- Byrd, Keene, '59 President, Byrd Enterprises
- Byrd, Norval, '36 Railway Express, Seagrams Distillers, Calvert Distillers
- Caballero, Alfredo, '51 Owns cargo airline in Latin America**
- Cabaniss, Earl, '43 VP, Banker
- Cabaniss, Keith, '79 Diabetic supply company
- Caldwell, Manley, '54 Attorney
- Callahan, Dr. Thomas, '47 Psychiatrist
- Campos, Gustavo, '84 Manager, telecommunication service, La Paz, Bolivia
- Carafiol, Thomas, '61 Mechanical contractor
- Canada, RAD Robert, '31 Doctor, US Navy
- Carissimi, David, '66 Educator
- Carter, Dr. Coleman, '61 Physician
- Carter, Howard, '53 Career, Army
- Carson, John Firth, '68 Verizon for 30 years
- Carstarphen, J.M., '52 CEO, Pharr Yarn
- Casaverde, Scott, '63 Draught horse breeder
- Chappelle, Lucian, '61 Retired Army
- Chauncey, Ed, '49 Antique dealer, antique frame shop
- Cheung, Harry, '75 Overseas construction company
- Chezem, LTC James, '48 Career Army, inventor
- Chiaviello, Dr. Tony, '62 College professor
- Chichester, Daniel, '61 Commonwealth's Attorney, Stafford County (VA)
- Chichester, Senator John, '55 Virginia State Senator
- Chichester, Richard, '52 Livestock artificial insemination company
- Childers, Wayne, '73 Greenhouse and garden center owner
- Chiswell, CAPT Ben, '32 Career, Coast Guard
- Chow, Charles, '53 PanAm computer specialist
- Chulia, Jorge, '81 Owns Venezuelan pump manufacturing company
- Churchman, Leonard, '22 Civil engineer
- Clarke, Blaine, '72 Maryland Juvenile Services
- Clarke, Everette, '34 Real estate and insurance agency co-owner
- Clede, William, '44 Environmental reporter
- Clegg, Samuel, '60 Law enforcement
- Click, LTC Edwin, '50 Career, Army. Teacher, Virginia Department of Corrections
- Click, Ernest, '48 Retirement home owner, retired
- Cohen, Dr. Arthur, '50 Dentist
- Cohen, Martin, '55 CPA, ice cream shop owner
- Cohoon, LTC Thomas, '46 Career, Army. UNIFI Corporation
- Cole, Colonel Heston, '38 Career, USAF
- Cole, Colonel John, '50 Career, Army. Petroleum business
- Coleman, Larry, '72 Career, Army. Security officer
- Collingwood, Loy, '43 VP, International Operations, H. K. Porter Company
- Collins, John, '52 NASA, U.S. Space Program
- Conley, Frank, '49 Career, USAF
- Conley, Colonel Sam, '47 Career, Army. Direction, automation and planning research
- Connor, Kenneth, '65 Advertising executive
- Connor, Richard, '61 Captain, US Airways
- Conrad, David, '59 Franchise sales
- Cooper, Clarke, '48 Architect
- Cooper, Timothy, '71 Saudi Arabia Electric Power

- Cordon, Jorge, '75 English teacher
- Councill, Colonel James, '49 Career, Air Force
- Coyner, Kenneth, '59 Semi-pro football player, building contractor, alpaca farmer
- Crawford, James, '61 Nortel, Sales Director
- Creek, James, '79 . Annapolis, MD city utility inspector
- Cripps, Gary, '71 Delaware Electric Coop
- Crist, Dr. George, '45 Dentist
- Crockcroft, John, '51 Attorney
- Crockett, James, '60 Dentist, farmer
- Crozier, Bobby, '70 . . Career, USAF. Civilian employee, Sheppard AFB
- Cuervo, Otto, '52 Fiesta Super Stores manager
- Cullen, Richard, '67 Former Virginia Attorney General, lead attorney in 750 lawyer firm
- Cultice, James, '58 Federal employee
- Cunnare, Richard, '65 Marketing research
- d'Orsay, B. J., '70 Computer programmer/analyst, Texas Tech**
- Dalmas, Victor, '41 Writer, painter, musician
- Darcus, Phillip, '71 Plow and Hearth employee
- Daunt, John, '59 Trip planner
- Davis, Judge Beverly, '43 Attorney, US Attorney's Office, Circuit Judge (VA)
- Davis, Samuel, '37 Hardware store owner
- Deane, Dr. H. L., Jr., '48 Dentist
- DelValle, Thomas, '73 Vice President, American Airlines
- Desroche, George, '55 Fire protection service
- Deyong, Jeff, '67 Saddlery and Western wear, retail
- Diamonstein, Alan, '48 Attorney, Member, Virginia General Assembly
- Dickinson, Hayes, '74 Poultry business
- Dickinson, LTC Bill, '49 Career, Army. Teacher
- Dillard, Douglas, '38 . . Retired, Chairman, Washington Group, realty company
- Ditto, William, '41 Insulation business owner
- Dorsk, Robert, '42 Furniture business
- Douglas, Thomas, '62 Security Director, Johns Hopkins Hospital
- Dove, William, '64 Custom ball caps and embroidery
- Dozier, Turner, '44 Newspaper editor
- Driscoll, Douglas, '72 Owner, ad agency
- Dunbar, Henry, '44 Manufacturer's representative
- Duran, Gregory, '73 Electric utility project manager
- Dyer, Walter, '41 Regional Manager, US Postal Service, magazine editor
- Earley, Lester, '67 Nuclear power executive**
- Eastlack, Lloyd, '59 Fishing tackle business
- Echols, Robert P., '70 Services to disabled adults
- Eich, Paul, '66 Xerox executive, farmer
- Ellett, Richard, '72 Contractor, Roadway Package System, FedEx
- Ellis, Monty, '60 Oil and gas business
- Elston, Dr. Donald, '44 Geologist
- English, John, '46 Meteorologist, pollution control expert
- Fancher, Duke, '58 Washington Post**
- Fagley, Calvin, '61 Medical product sales
- Femrite, Mark, '72 Insurance sales, home improvement business
- Fletcher, James L., '63 Owned insurance business
- Flippin, Walter H., '37 Baltimore shipyard worker
- Flowers, Warren, '68 Career, USMC. Fire service, USCGR, private yacht captain
- Fogle, Charles, '39 Creator of Captain Video, writer for Perry Mason, Twilight Zone
- Forrer, Thomas, '40 Engineer, West Virginia Department of Highways
- Fox, Stephen, '68 In store/HQ systems
- Freeman, Norman, '46 Exxon executive
- Fretwell, Jack W., '33 Theater manager, dance band leader
- Fulton, Rupert, '34 C&P Telephone, Virginia-Carolina Chemical, Mobile Corporation
- Garcia, Mario, '49 City employee, Miami**
- Garletts, John, '63 Chemistry/math/science teacher, owns construction company
- Gaston, Mitch, '60 Consultant to former employer, The Brinkman Companies
- Gebeaux, Robert, '62 Career, USN. Luthier
- George, Harry, '31 Banker
- Gilliam, Frank J., 1913 Dean of Students, Washington and Lee University,
- Ginns, Ronald, '70 Electrical contractor
- Glasser, Dr. Arthur, '32 Minister, author, teacher
- Gleason, Dorian, '65 Career, USAF
- Goffigon, Cooke, '48 B&B owner-operator
- Goldberg, Benedict, '42 Motion picture producer, Lockheed
- Goldberg, Joseph, '71 Lawn service, general manager
- Goldstein, Gilberto, '54 Journalist, La Tribuna, radio and TV, Honduras
- Gordon, Marvin, '39 AdVest, NYSE
- Graell, Antonio, '61 Taught at AMA, owns family business in Panama
- Graff, Reverend Charles, '59 Minister
- Griffin, Charles, '29 Tobacco farmer
- Groves, Kit, '61 West Virginia Highway Department employee
- Gruhn, Stephen, '73 Investment, insurance and finance company owner
- Guffey, Albert, '50 Mattress store owner
- Guggenheimer, Robert, '43 Foreign correspondent
- Gullette, Charles, '67 Senior engineer, Westinghouse
- Hackney, John, '39 Real estate appraiser**
- Haden, Colonel Fred, '43 Career, USMC. General Counsel, Marine Corps Heritage Foundation
- Haleamau, Karl, '71 Navy Seal, lumberjack
- Hall, William, '69 Construction
- Ham, Victor, '43 Ingersoll Rand
- Hammond, William, '73 Seabees, 20 years. Over-the-road trucker
- Hankey, Stacy, '42 CPA, tax specialist, Peat Marwick
- Hanson, Colonel Dean, '63 Career, Army
- Harley, Robert, '30 Sales and marketing
- Harmon, Hugh, '58 Funeral director, economic development director
- Harris, Colonel Collas, '28 Career, Army
- Harris, Frank, '76 Computer scientist, civilian, US Navy
- Harris, George, '70 Police officer

- Harris, William, '48 B&B operator, rancher, insurance agent
- Harrison, Chris, '43 GS-13, USN, instructor, Washington College, sign business
- Harwood, Buddy, '51 Ship's pilot
- Hassell, James, '55 Teacher and scholar
- Hays, Paul, '50 . . Executive computer/programmer
- Heilman, Ott, '42 County commissioner
- Hemphill, Steve, '75 . . Limousine service in England
- Henderson, John, '69 Insurance broker. Owner, Motesol, LLC & Sea Group
- Hensing, Fred C., '65 Musician
- Henry, Lloyd, '48 Monsanto, BASF
- Hernandez, Pedro, '70 . . Health distribution company
- Herring, John, '47 . . Director, Newcomb Hall, UVA
- Higgins, Wayne, '63 University administration
- Hildebrand, Edwin, '30 . . . McCrory store manager. Owned Barth-Weinberg in Staunton
- Hill, William R., '50 . . Trade association executive, city planner
- Hill, Wilmer, '51 Band and choir director
- Hillsman, Mark, '70 . . . Attorney, PADI dive master, blues radio show host
- Hines, Angus, '42 . . . Retail/wholesale oil company
- Hobbs, Colonel Richard, '44 . . Career, Army. Radio talk show host
- Hockman, John, '44 Chesapeake Corporation, human resources, teacher
- Hodge, Jack, '51 Chief engineer, Virginia DOT. VP, Volkert & Associates
- Hodges, King Edward, '41 Career, USN. Civil Service NWS, Yorktown, VA
- Hoke, Kenneth, '54 Director of Information, Guilford of Maine
- Holder, John, '59 Auctioneer/liquidator
- Hollar, James, '56 Chiropractor
- Holliday, Cade, '8 Director, Division of Dairy and Foods, State of Virginia
- Holloran, John, '55 . . Loan officer, mortgage company
- Holt, George, '60 President, printing company
- Holt, McHenry, '63 Electrical contractor
- Holt, Walter A., '44 Stock broker
- Horton, Frank, '36 Museum director
- Hosken, John, '66 Career, Army, KIA Vietnam
- Houchens, Douglas, '34 . . Professor, Davidson College
- Howard, Adrian, '56 General contractor
- Hruza, Frank, '64 Chief of detectives, private security manager
- Hughes, Tom, '30 Radio/TV personality, actor
- Hume, Gray, '57 English and drama teacher
- Hume, James, '57 . . High school track coach, teacher
- Hume, Robert, '63 . . Teacher, Senior Vice President, Travel Mates
- Hunter, Colonel Robert, '37 . . Head of history and politics department, VMI
- Huntsberry, James, '51 Realtor
- Iskow, Edward, '79 Airline equipment repair company, Richmond**
- Izenberg, Jerry, '48 Sports columnist
- Jackson, John Henkel, '46 . R&D, DuPont Company**
- Jackson, Lee, '61 Mural painter
- Jacob, Herbert, '35 . Hercules, Inc. Technical advisor, chemical firms
- Jacob, John, '27 VP, Alba Waldensian Mills
- Jansing, John, '43 EVP, Bache and Company
- Jaeger, William, '58 Banker
- Jenkins, James, '77 . . Mortgage company executive
- Jenvey, Arthur, '50 Airborne, 20 years, civilian contract inspector
- Jernigan, Gordon, '67 . . Water-proofing company
- Jezard, John, '79 US Coast Guard, Aircraft Repair Center
- Johnson, James, '70 Verizon engineer
- Johnston, William, '55 Farmer
- Jones, David, '33 . . Burlington Industries, manager
- Jordan, Colonel Samuel, '36 Career, USAF. Chevrolet sales
- Jorgensen, Peter, '65 Attorney, rock musician
- Kalvin, Albert, '65 Shoemaker**
- Keller, Glenn, '75 Systems analyst, Cinergy. Process Manager, Alcoa
- Keller, William, '62 . . . Career, USN. Vice president, annuity product company
- Kellogg, Carl, '73 C. Ray Kellogg Company, water systems
- Kelsey, Donald, '30 Owner, Lyric Theater, Blacksburg, VA
- Kennett, Lewis, '72 Firefighter
- Kesner, Brad, '71 . . . College director of admissions
- Kesterson, Bernard, '48 . . Inspector, TICO Corporation
- Kilgour, James, '64 VA employee, bar owner in New Orleans
- Kime, Paul, '71 Projectionist
- Kinnie, Gray, '49 USMA, Assistant professor of engineering fundamentals
- Kissling, Kevin, '62 Johnson and Johnson
- Kluttz, Robert, '33 Manufacturing supervisor
- Knapp, Charles, '72 Regional director, transplant foundation
- Knically, Carroll, '46 . . Newspaper publisher, owner
- Knox, Robert S., '51 Local and Federal police, combined special ops
- Koenig, Dr. Corey, '74 OB/GYN physician
- Konrad, Samuel, '66 Administrator, law firm
- Krise, Albert, '57 . . Crane/heavy equipment operator
- Krouse, William, '37 College wrestling coach
- Kurtz, Captain Larry, '38 Career, U.S. Navy
- Lampman, Peter, '65 . Director, Commonwealth Games**
- Lane, Colonel Bill, '68 Career Army, civilian employee of military in Korea
- Lane, William, '42 . . Cadillac dealership in Pittsburgh
- Langley, David, '76 . . Print and advertising specialties, youth counselor
- Lappin, Dr. Robert, '46 . . Semipro basketball, attorney.
- Lassiter, Richard, '66 Graphics arts teacher, Culpeper (VA) School System
- Layng, Geof, '47 Professional public speaker, real estate broker
- Lazarus, Lloyd, '51 . . Owner, women's clothing chain
- Lea, Peyton, '65 Attorney

- Lea, T. C., '55 Attorney
 Lea, Thurmond, '29 Attorney, Commonwealth's
 Attorney, Judge, real estate business
 Leath, Tyree, '68 Barber, clothing sales
 Leatherman, Edgar, '39 Orchardist
 Leavel, Scott, '78 General contractor
 Leckie, Gordon, '49 Federal employee
 Lemmon, Edward, '45 . . . Owner, Suffolk Oil Company,
 restaurant
 Lemon, Creed King, '31 Lumber business
 Leustig, William, '69 . . . Owns PC training company,
 musician
 Leventen, Dr. Ed, '46 Orthopaedic surgeon,
 assistant professor, UCLA medical School
 Lindsay, Benjamin, '51 Anhueser-Busch
 Linton, Steve, '60 Fiber optics and
 telecommunications, President, CableNet
 Livick, Charles, '77 . . Off rail inspector, Cumberland
 County Prison staff
 Livick, LTC Todd, '81 . . Career, Army, public affairs
 Lobach, Keith, '70 . . . Supervisor, power company
 Lohman, Dean, '72 . . . Co-owner, Virginia Printing
 Equipment Company
 Lohman, Griffith, '72 . . Co-owner, Virginia Printing
 Equipment Company
 Long, Hoyle, '55 Wholesale furniture
 Long, Paul, '51 . . Motor coach and tour company,
 B&W Bus Service
 Long, Ray, '45 Finance company executive,
 appliance sales
 Lora, Thad, '48 Draftsman
 Lora, Winston, '49 Retired school teacher
 Lowe, Captain Julian, '60 Career, U. S. Navy
 Lowenbach, Robert, '54 . . . Water, sewer inspector,
 electrical engineer
 Lupton, Reverend James, '50 . . . Minister, architect
 Lyne, Oliver, '34 DuPont employee
Mahanes, Dr. James, '56 Physician
 Mahanes, Ronnie, '53 Flower shop owner
 Mallett, Robert, '73 . . . Plastic manufacturing company
 Malnati, Donald, '71 . . . Historic renovation company,
 president
 Marcantoni, Raphael, '70 President,
 Gray International
 Marozza, John, '49 Thoroughbred breeder,
 horse transport company
 Marks, John, '41 Account manager, retailer
 Marsh, Burrell, '45 Auto dealer
 Martin, John '77 . . . Career, Army. Insurance agent
 Martin, Dr. Samuel, '53 Consulting engineer
 Martin, LTG William, '33 . . . Career Air Force, Utah
 condominium management
 Mathews, LTC Hubert, '27 Career military,
 KIA Omaha Beach, D-Day, WW II
 Mathews, Richard, '73 . . American Express, business
 consulting firm
 Matthes, Herman, '51 . . . Delaware code inspector
 Maupin, Kevin, '82 McKee Foods employee
 May, Harry, '47 Printing business owner
 McAdams, Stephen, '76 Verizon employee
 McAlister, John, '28 . . . Sales, Chatham Manufacturing
 McCabe, Brian, '74 Crane rental company
 McCaskey, Edward, '42 . . Regional manager, Virginia
 Port Authority, aide to Virginia governors
 McCausland, James, '39 Real estate broker
 McCune, John, '39 Attorney
 McDowell, Douglas, '69 . . . Custom home builder/
 developer
 McGavock, James, '46 Farmer, blacksmith,
 railroad machinist
 McIntire, Francis, '39 . . Career, USAF. Killed in plane
 crash, 1949
 McKnight, Ian, '70 Firearms instructor.
 Morro Bay, CA policeman
 McLaughlin, Richard, '49 Aerospace industry,
 retail business
 McLoney, Thorne, '49 . . Electrical wholesale business,
 electrical inspector
 McMahan, Steve, '63 Postal worker
 McOwen, William, 44 . . . Computer software company
 Meek, Christopher, '84 . . Teacher, sports officiating
 Meier, Jack, '55 Printing business
 Meier, MG James, '58 Career, USAF, two star
 Melcher, Ronald, '71 . Regional sales manager, AIP Inc.
 Mena, Jorge Cordon, '75 . . . Bilingual English teacher
 Menefee, Robert, '56 Baseball coach
 Merritt, Jay, '75 Foreign car dealer
 Messick, Roger, '52 Career, Army. Chief Pilot,
 General Electric
 Metz, Gordon, '68 . . Restaurant/store fixture company,
 farmer
 Meyer, David, '62 Tax director, EnerSys, Inc.
 Millar, Eugene, '39 . . Virginia State Health Department
 Miller, Lee, '79 Owner, Miller Appliances
 Miller, Dr. Milton, '50 Physician
 Miller, Rexford, '65 Import contractor
 Miller, Ty, '80 Laurel Highlands (WV)
 Rafting Company
 Mineff, George, '77 Attorney
 Minor, John, '42 . . . Executive, Coca Cola. Real estate,
 banking
 Mitchell, James, '76 Restaurant owner
 Mitchell, Robert, '39 Career, USAF. Industrial
 engineer, baseball and football official
 Mitchell, Thomas, '52 Virginia Department of
 Transportation
 Moerschell, Dr. Paul, '46 Dentist
 Moffett, George, '31 Railroad executive
 Mohler, John, '43 Sheep farmer
 Momaday, Scott, '52 . . . Pulitzer Prize winning author,
 college professor
 Monroe, William, '49 . . . United Airlines pilot, retired
 Moore, Peyton, '52 Attorney
 Morehouse, J. E., '26 Painter and illustrator
 Morris, Carl Rodger, '59 . Cafe owner, carpet company,
 coffee company executive
 Morris, Dr. John, '49 . . . Author, poet, college professor
 Mudd, Thomas, '60 . . Retirement plans for businesses
 Muller, George, '52 Engineer, Navy Department
 Mullis, Gary, '82 Firefighter, EMT
 Mullis, Roger, '76 Professional photographer
 Mullis, William, '26 Attorney

- Mundin, Lewis, '26 Owner, men's clothing store
Mundin, Lewis, Jr., '54 Owner, Creery Limited (clothing)
- Myers, Harry, '26 Executive vice president, First Virginia Bank
- Neikirk, Joseph, '28** VP, VMI Foundation
- Nemier, Colonel Douglas, '49 AMA superintendent, junior college teacher
- Netherwood, LTC Doug, '38 Career, USAF
- Nettles, Reed, '72 NASCAR promoter
- Newman, Joseph, '84 Night club operator, West Palm Beach
- Newman, Peter, '51 Prudential securities executive
- Newton, Byrd, '62 Banker
- Nicholson, Bruce, '62 Air Quality Services, Inc.
- Nicholson, Gary, '70 Washington, DC police officer
- Nicholson, Colonel Larry, '75 Career, USMC
- Nicks, Paul, '64 Airline pilot, police officer
- Nicol, Henry, '64 Career, USN. Country manager, Inter-Con Security, Guatemala
- Nininger, Elgin, '56 Owner, Shady Lane Seafood
- Nitz, Dwight, '74 U.S. Park Ranger, owner Civil War shop, author
- Noboa, Dr. Eduardo, '60 Surgeon, Member of Ecuadorian Parliament
- Nolan, Dick, '50 Professional football player, Coach of three NFL teams
- Nordin, James, '66 Cabinet manufacturer
- Null, Adolph, '44 Controller, automobile dealer
- Oakey, Charles, '43** President, Roanoke Iron and Bridge Works
- O'Connor, Phillip, '67 Clinical coordinator
- O'Donnell, John, '24 Attorney
- Ogimachi, Shawn, '77 Admissions office, University of California, Santa Cruz
- Olson, Richard, '79 Attorney
- Orenstein, Bruce, '69 Director, business development, criminal justice
- Orenstein, Harry, '68 Attorney, Xerox Corporation
- Osborne, Lou "Ozzie", '65 Verizon, 22 years, garden and landscaping business
- Ottenberg, Lee, '62 Bakery owner, attorney
- Overly, Rob, '62 President, Frank Gates Company
- Owens, Hugh, '49 Food brokerage business
- Pangborn, Earl, '65** Sport fishing boat captain
- Pappas, Gus W., '37 Owner, Brass Rail, Charlottesville
- Pappas, John, '47 Manager, Delta Airlines Meteorology Department
- Parkins, LTC William, '35 AMA administrator
- Parnell, Bill, '51 Shrimp boat captain
- Passero, Colonel Steve, '69 Career, Army
- Paul, Gary, '68 Corporate financial adviser
- Payne, Frank, '36 Commercial artist and illustrator
- Payne, Michael, '76 Loss control, raises English Spaniel gun dogs
- Pearson, Alan, '48 Drug chain owner
- Pearson, Nae Hugh, '46 Pharmacist, Kroger
- Perez, Humberto, '56 Engineer in Venezuela, University of Texas
- Perez, Jorge, '66 Supervisor, Baxter Laboratories
- Philhower, Louis, '49 Investment adviser, J. C. Bradford
- Pigg, Colonel James, '46 Career, Army. Condominium manager
- Pilley, Colonel Frank, '51 Career, USAF. Math professor, George Mason University.
- Pitts, William, '45 Policeman
- Plecker, Robert, '40 Owner, truck equipment company
- Poole, Alan L., '67 Firefighter
- Pope, Kirk, '76 Career, Army, MP. Deputy sheriff, Delaware
- Pope, Roy, '55 Offset printer
- Porcher, John, '70 Utah Geological Survey
- Powell, LTC Robert, '43 Career, Army. Military tactical consultant, banker
- Prado, Dr. Eduardo, '73 Dentist
- Prentice, Jackson, '68 Real estate broker
- Prieto, Dr. Octavio, '67 Physician
- Props, Roy, '67 Owner, Varina Athletic Association
- Pugh, Jordan, '57 Computer systems management. Civil Service, DOD
- Quarles, Julian, '35** Attorney
- Quigg, Donald, '55 Aerospace engineer, crime fiction writer
- Ragland, Dr. William, '52** Poultry disease expert, Professor, University of Georgia
- Ramsey, John "Jack," '48 Agribusinessman.
- Rand, William, '48 President, Qualified Plan Services
- Ray, Edward, '52 Career, US Navy. NASA
- Raybin, David, '67 Trial attorney
- Raybin, Paul, '69 Computer consulting firm
- Reech, Steven, '84 Bar owner
- Reisacher, Colonel Robert, '38 Career, Army. Architect, Saudi Arabia
- Reyngoudt, Bruce, '70 Diving trainer, U.S. Navy
- Rhodes, Robert, '63 Pharmacist
- Rich, Clayton, '41 Development director, Emory University
- Richey, Herb, '40 Owner, Richey Coal, President, U.S. Chamber of Commerce
- Ridge, Elliott, '59 Ben Franklin Stores, teacher
- Ridgeway, Bob, '62 Fire Chief, West Palm Beach
- Roach, Frank, '69 Senior VP, Ferguson Enterprises, British firm
- Robertson, Charles, '42 Realtor
- Robertson, Robert, '35 Owner, foundry and machine works
- Robinson, John, '78 Patrol commander, State House, Annapolis, MD
- Rock, John, '67 Industrial chemicals and hardware company, owner
- Rodgers, Randolph, '64 Auto and truck dealership, US Marshall Service
- Roller, Charles, III, '28 AMA teacher and coach
- Roller, Tom, '36 Oil and gas business, FBI, real estate
- Rosenstein, Scott, '71 Furniture business
- Rovirosa, Jorge, '70 Managing Director, Port of Miami Terminal Operation
- Rushmore, Richard, '42 Telephone company employee
- Russell, Donald, '60 Home builder

Russell, John, '50 Engineer, Westinghouse
 Ryder, MG Charles, '38 Career, Army,
 two star general, retired
**Salasky, Leonard, '43 Lumber and men's
 clothing businesses**
 Salazar, Rafeal, '67 Owns limousine business
 in Mill Valley, CA
 Salicrup, Joseph, '31 . . Salicrup and Company, LTD
 Samuels, Al, '72 . . Production sound mixer, Hollywood
 Sanders, William, '48 . . . CEO, Sanders Motors, CEO,
 Senter-Sanders Tractor Company
 Sandridge, Cole, '52 . . State Farm underwriter, farmer
 Sansoti, Alexander, '37 . . Architect of Three Rivers
 Stadium, Pittsburgh
 Santos-Buch, Dr. Charles, '48 . Professor emeritus,
 pathology. Former Director, Papanikolow
 Cytology Lab, NYC.
 Sauers, David, '61 Realtor
 Saunders, Goodloe, '57 . . . Career, USAF. John
 Hancock Insurance, flower shop owner, farmer
 Schimmel, Walter, '50 . . . Army officer, El Salvador
 Schlusemeyer, Leigh, '60 Thoroughbred horse
 farm manager
 Schmitz, Carl Leo, Jr., '78 . . . Financial analyst and
 investment banker
 Schroeder, Jeffrey, '67 CFO, Vanguard Medical
 Concepts
 Schroeder, Ted, '65 Chemist, Coca Cola
 Schulherr, Richard, '73 . . . Stagehand on Broadway
 Scott, Frank, '48 Insurance agent
 Shappee, Fred, '50 Sealright Corporation, R&D
 Sharp, James, '80 Construction work
 Shields, Douglas, '28 Banker
 Shires, Marshall "Abe," '37 National Distillers
 representative
 Shirley, John, '49 . . . Former Director, U.S. Information
 Agency, U.S. Ambassador to Tanzania
 Shomo, Dr. Joseph, '36 . . Dentist, private and Army
 Shonts, Ted, '49 Postman
 Shore, Robert, '64 Banker
 Siman, Robert, 60 Career, USN
 Simmons, J.B., '47 . . Vending machine company owner
 Simmons, Tom, '54 . . Owner, Simmons Parts Company
 Sink, Willard, '64 Minister
 Sisak, Michael, '70 . . . Instructor, US Naval Academy
 Preparatory School
 Smail, Richard, '67 Delta Airlines pilot,
 Skywest co-pilot
 Smith, Ben, '47 Real estate investment
 Smith, Charles, '67 . . . Vice president, airline security,
 UPS
 Smith, David, '65 Stone mason
 Smith, James, '57 Heating/cooling consultant
 to architects
 Smith, Stuart, '59 Business manager, farm
 and estate sales
 Snarr, George, '46 Attorney
 Snell, Joseph, '59 . . Farmer, builder, developer, oil man
 Solan, Dr. George, '43 Physician
 Sollod, Colonel Ron, '50 Career, Air Force



40 YEARS LATER - Two fellows from the Class of 1967 visit Colonel Hoover's classroom at the AMA Museum. Mickey Toms from Cortez, Colorado and former First Captain Charlie Smith from Prospect, Kentucky were impressed with what they saw.

Somerville, Fenton, '37 Investments, farmer,
 land owner
 Somerville, Louis, '34 Farmer, thoroughbred
 horse breeder
 Somerville, Winston, '36 . . Farmer, church teacher,
 Virginia Department of Transportation
 Sommers, Harry, '56 Retired police officer
 South, Randolph, '67 Corporate consultant
 Speciale, Stephen, '62 General manager,
 Ocoee Industrial Complex, Cleveland, TN
 Spencer, Frank, '49 . . Career, USAF. Virginia Electric
 Power Company
 Spohn, Clay, 1918 Artist
 Spriggs, Ronald, '77 Personal injury attorney
 Stanley, Dr. Clyde, '41 Physician
 Stanley, Jack, '45 . CEO, Blue Ridge Transfer Company
 Steeley, Lee Rice, '57 Mechanical engineer
 Steib, Lars, '74 Construction, mill work
 Stephens, Jack, '36 Accountant
 Stephenson, Luke, '39 Attorney
 Stillwagon, James, '67 Professional football
 in Canada, advertising specialties
 Stillwagon, Tom, '62 . . . Teacher, key account sales,
 Champion Products
 Stone, Cheatham, '45 . . . Teacher, grocery business
 Strange, Bruce, '72 Professional photographer
 Stuart, William, '44 . . . Owner, real estate company
 Stuckey, Richard, '57 Land surveyor, Australia
 Suter, Frank, '54 . Dairy and food processing industry,
 P&B Sales
 Swanson, Donald, '61 . . . Florida corrections officer,
 school teacher
 Syropoulos, Nick, '69 Xerox sales
**Tamargo, Juan, '61 Network manager,
 Beckman Coulter, Inc.**
 Taylor, Bernard, '61 Truck driver
 Taylor, MG Robert, '31 USAF, career, retired as
 two star general
 Taylor, Sidney, '51 Engineer, Johns Hopkins
 Tessada, James, '66 . . Ford Motor Company, China
 Thomas, Fred, '45 IOmega Technologies

- Thompson, Brett, '75 Contractor, inventor, volunteer firefighter
- Thompson, Dorsey, '64 . Engineering consultant, NASA
- Thompson, Edwin, '64 . Construction manager, WGI
- Thomson, P. J., '72 High school teacher
- Tiller, Robert, '62 . Owner, water purification company, hotel and motel business
- Timberlake, Stephen, '28 Attorney
- Timko, John, '61 . . . Senior master sergeant, Air Force One and Air Force Two
- Tomasek, Stephen, '56 Department of Veterans Affairs
- Tomlin, Al, '48 State Farm Insurance agent
- Toms, Mitchell, '67 Career military. Commercial realtor
- Towe, James P., '60 Insurance broker
- Townsend, Guy, '54 Prestley Farm Nursery
- Traylor, Keith, '80 Piano tuner
- Trinkle, E. Lee, '53 Minister
- Trent, LTC Stephen, '70 . Career, Army. Grimsley's House of Tools
- Trimble, David, '60 . Teacher, campus police officer
- Trinkle, Lebert, '54 Minister, finance and investments
- Trivitayakhun, Eric, '78 . . . Owner, broadcast projects company, Thailand
- Trott, Edward, '61 Sheriff of Staunton
- Trout, Edward, '58 . Historian, National Park Service
- Tucker, Donald, '63 . University of Kentucky employee, 32 years
- Tully, Dr. Basil, '35 Osteopathic surgeon
- Turner, Dr. Mebane, '49 President, University of Baltimore
- Tyminski, John, '76 . . Virginia rep for carbide cutting tool company
- Upton, Thomas, '64 Owner, Johnson Fuel and Supply Company**
- Vail, Charles, '46 Founder, Auto Exchange of Virginia Beach**
- Vass, Frank, '43 Stanley Furniture Company, Pulaski Furniture Company
- Vence, Jorge, '78 . . Traffic manager, paint company
- Vidal, Frank, Jr., '78 . . Medical marketing company
- Vidal, Ralf, '78 Carnival Cruise Line, marketing manager
- Villoldo, Gus, '49 CIA Station Agent, farmer
- Wagner, Brock, '67 Landscape design and maintenance, Administrator of Justice**
- Wales, Samuel, '38 AMA Commandant
- Wales, Samuel, Jr., '64 Trucking company
- Walker, Dennis, '64 CPA
- Walker, Lee, '34 . Coal, lumber, fertilizer, feed company
- Walker, Willis, '71 . US Navy civilian employee, Norfolk Navy Shipyard, horse farmer
- Walters, Harold, '48 . . . USNA, financial consultant
- Ward, Carl, '64 Electrician, robots, computers
- Ward, Parker, '54 VP and General Manager, Hez-Ward Buick
- Warner, Thomas, '77 Consultant, IBM
- Wasco, Ernest, '45 . . Co-founder, Juvenile Conference
- Watkins, Henry C., '34 . . Business manager, calculator and business systems
- Wattay, Commander Al, '53 . . US Navy pilot, American Airlines pilot
- Webster, Arthur, '57 . . Career, USAF. Investments, corporate security consultant
- Weant, Robert, '54 . . Manufacturer's representative
- Weeks, Barry, '66 Estate planner
- Welliver, Minier, '37 Restaurant owner
- Wenzel, Joseph, '69 Bail bondsman
- Weston, James, '50 . . . Naval Research Laboratory, piano tuner
- Wheatley, Scott, '83 Construction work
- Whitaker, Dr. Richard, '72 Veterinarian
- White, Sydnor, '41 . . Motor bearing and parts company
- White, Warren, '55 Music and band instrument store owner
- Whitehead, Burgess, '27 Professional baseball player, feed mill and livestock business
- Whitehead, Lewis, '31 . . . Professional baseball player, miscellaneous businesses
- Widener, Dr. Herbert, '60 . . Physician, consultant in rheumatology
- Wiese, Dr. Michael, '59 Neurosurgeon
- Wildman, Jerry, '57 . . Peace Corps, Public health field, owner of framing company
- Wilks, Joel, '78 Nabisco sales representative
- Willcox, Claiborne, '61 . . . Director of Development, Roanoke Catholic Schools
- Wilson, Larry, '70 Dry cleaner
- Wilson, Leonard, '43 Sperry Univac
- Wilson, Richard, '35 . . Retail lumber, fuel oil, coal and oxygen sales
- Wilson, Robert, '38 Attorney
- Wirkus, Faustin, '55 Career, USMC.
- Wolfson, Jerry, '61 . . . Engineer, General Dynamics
- Wong, Duncan, '52 Hardware owner
- Wood, William, '28 Minister
- Woods, Dietmar, '62 Division manager, truck stop chain
- Woods, John, '30 Insurance business and money lender
- Woodward, Edward, '51 . . Retail furniture business
- Worthington, Robert, '64 . . Boat builder, photographer musician
- Wortman, Dr. Reginald, '60 Physician
- Wright, Frederick, '68 . . . Auto dealer and wholesaler
- Wright, John, '63 . . . Private pilot, flying instructor. Building construction and design.
- Wright, Stephen, '67 Cab driver, pressman
- Wysong, Samuel, '72 Navy, 26 years. Logistics engineer, Lockheed Martin
- Yon, Charles, '29 CF&I Steel Corporation**
- Yon, RAD Joseph, '30 Physician, career, Navy
- York, David, '65 Attorney
- Young, Richard, '50 Automotive industry
- Zehler, John, '66 . . Wholesale petroleum distributor**
- Zehmer, Zeke, '59 Real estate broker
- Zinkhan, Ben, '60 DuPont employee
- Zittrain, Les, '48 Attorney
- Zook, LTC David, '73 . . Army, retired, Lockheed Martin
- Zuk, Theodore, '38 Realtor, home construction



Mitch Zinder, '66



Mr. and Mrs. Dave Nason, '67



Mr. and Mrs. John Bullock, '64



Interested students from the Fort Defiance Middle School



P. J. Thomson, '72, and Susan Lambert Yates who he dated at Stuart Hall



Mr. and Mrs. Clark Davis, '65, and their son, Jason

AMA Museum visitors



Students from Good Shepherd School, Harrisonburg



CONGRESSIONAL VISIT - Congressman Bob Goodlatte (R-VA) spent more than an hour on his visit to the AMA Museum. The Congressman and his staff are helping the AMA Foundation apply for a Federal grant. Greeting Mister Goodlatte is Warren Fleming, '72, who was volunteering at the museum when Goodlatte paid his surprise visit.





We are all Hokies

All AMA alumni and friends grieve with the families of those who lost loved ones in the dreadful shootings in Blacksburg. Innocent young people whose futures were yet to be revealed, and are now unrevealable. Dedicated teachers, one of whom gave his life while his terrified students leapt from second story windows to escape the murderous gunfire.

If there is a lesson to be learned, it is that life is precious, and uncertain. Who among the dead could have imagined at daybreak that awful day that it would be their last day on Earth?

That is why we just had a reunion so it could not be said that we missed an opportunity to tell a friend that we love him while we are still here on Earth to express that sentiment.

In sharing this tragedy which has shocked the entire world, we are all Hokies, united in grief, honoring those unjustly taken, and determined that this event will not define us.



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